

TO: Members of the Policy Committee
A: Participants at the 19 November Policy Committee meeting
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FROM: The Secretary-General

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SUBJECT: Decisions of the Secretary-General – 19 November meeting of the Policy Committee

OBJET:



Decision No. 2009/27 – UN assistance in Public Administration in post-conflict situations

(i) Guidance and joint lessons learned: The UN working group on Public Administration, led by UNDP, will conclude, by September 2010, a lessons learned review of country-experiences in post-conflict Public Administration. The exercise will be conducted in collaboration with the World Bank and other interested partners. Based on the outcome of the learning exercise, UNDP in collaboration with the working group and with inputs from the World Bank and interested partners will develop, by the end of 2010, a set of practical guidelines and analytical tools that will:

- a. focus on (re)developing core Public Administration capacities at the national level as well as capacities of local governments/other local development actors to rapidly resume service delivery to conflict affected communities; and
- b. include a set of guiding principles derived from the learning exercise.

(Action: UN working group on Public Administration, UNDP)

(ii) Strengthening UN capacity to respond to country needs: To ensure predictable and coordinated support to country-level UN teams - in various configurations - proposals for the strengthening of UN capacity in post-conflict Public Administration will be developed by the UN working group, in the following areas:

- a. **Policy/Programme support:** UNDP, with support from the UN working group, will coordinate the establishment, by July 2010 (subject to available resources) of a rapidly deployable policy/programming support capacity, able to provide timely support for integrating Public Administration in post-conflict needs assessments, policy advisory services, programme formulation, monitoring and evaluation. The working group will decide on options for the lead UN entity(ies) to manage this joint support capacity.
- b. **Strengthening existing rosters and surge capacity:** A task force composed of UNDP, DPKO, DESA and other interested UN entities will (a) conduct, by December 2009, an inventory of existing UN rosters (in-house and external expertise) in the area of Public Administration; (b) prepare, by March 2010, a strategy for improving those rosters, facilitate their interoperability and access by national and UN actors, and share with other development partners, in coordination with the system-wide, multi-sectoral efforts facilitated by PBSO; and (c) report on progress by December 2010.

c. Knowledge management: To facilitate knowledge sharing between UN entities and non-UN organizations, UNDP and DESA will support the development of a community of practice on post-conflict Public Administration and report on progress by December 2010.

(Action: UN working group on Public Administration, UNDP, DPKO, DESA)

(iii) Partnerships: The UN will continue to engage with the International Financial Institutions to ensure closer collaboration in post-conflict interventions, including those related to Public Administration. Once further progress is made regarding the collaboration between the UN and the World Bank, in connection with the recent Secretary-General's report on peacebuilding, details of UN-World Bank collaboration around Public Administration assistance in post-conflict settings will be refined. **(Action: relevant UN entities)**

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