

Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

2022 annual session

Draft country programme document commenting period:

22 March to 11 April (Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania)

24 March to 13 April (Syrian Arab Republic)

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: Norway

Draft country programme document: Syrian Arab Republic

In accordance with Executive Board decision [2014/1](#), draft country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline stated above will be posted on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
General comments	Norway wishes to emphasize that the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) is the most important instrument for planning and implementation of UN operational activities at country level, and that it shall be prepared in full consultation and agreement with the national government, in line with 2020 QCPR (A/RES/75/233). Norway further underlines that the country programme documents (CPD) shall be prepared and finalized in accordance with the UNSDCF, and with the strategic plans of the organisation. It is our understanding that these formal requirements are fulfilled for the draft CPD of the	UNICEF appreciates the generous support of Norway and the comments to the draft Country Programme Document (CPD). UNICEF would like to assure that the formal requirements are fulfilled for the draft CPD and relevant actors have been consulted. This includes consultations with NGO partners, including young people, to discuss priorities. Also, a consultation with Member States was held jointly with UNDP and UNFPA in October 2021 while UNICEF CPD has been developed in full alignment with the UNSF and coordinated with the national government.

	Syrian Arab Republic, and that relevant actors have been consulted as requested. We have no additional comments.	
Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document	<i>(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.</i>	