COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR DJIBOUTI (2025-2030)

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IRELAND	• Overall, it is comprehensive, well-considered and clear although the rationale for why they've chosen SP1 and SP3 (and not SP2) of the UNSDCF is less clearly articulated.	Compared to other UN entities who have a unique position to support SP2 with a focus on basic social services such UNICEF, WHO and UNFPA, UNDP´s mandate, comparative advantages and track record in Djibouti in supporting governance, economic diversification and resilience, give UNDP a lead role and programmatic focus on SP1 and SP3. This is in line with the UNCT principle of division of labor. That said, the CPD narrative also emphasizes that UNDP programming is linked to and supportive of SP2 (see paragraph 15) and UNDP will reinforce the national capacities which is an indirect contributing to SP2.	Revised paragraph 11 now reads: In alignment with the UNSDCF, national development plans and UNDP Strategic Plan 2022-2025, UNDP will draw on its comparative advantages in the areas of governance, economic diversification and resilience, as well as comprehensive national consultations with government and key stakeholders, to contribute to UNSDCF strategic priorities 1 and 3, in close linkage to other UN entities and partners directly supporting strategic priority 2.
	• There seems to be intent to shift to a systems approach although there is also reference to integrated portfolios -	In line with global UNDP guidance and policies, the integrated portfolio approach represents a key instrument to contribute to systems transformation in Djibouti. The UNDP CO will work across	Paragraph 12 now includes the following sentence: Moreover, UNDP will

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	it may be helpful to be clearer about how this will happen as it seems to be a new departure.	sectors, with a focus on interdependencies and leveraging linkages with other UN and non-UN partners towards achieving transformative development impact.	transition from a project-based approach to systems transformation by working across sectors with a focus on interdependencies, and by leveraging linkages with other UN and non-UN partners towards achieving transformative development impact
	• The budget is $2.5m of their own funds and $90m to be raised – this will likely be a heavy lift in terms of resource mobilisation in the current global context so some sense of prioritisation will be important.	In response to the significant scope and depth of Djibouti´s structural development challenges, the CPD portfolio is deliberately ambitious but realistic, both in terms of its planned interventions and required resources. Section III clearly identifies insufficient financial resources as one of the main risks in implementing the CPD and achieving its results. It also states "adaptation in planning and resource allocation based on dynamic management and systematic context analysis" as a key risk mitigation measure. In addition, the projection is realistic based on the current trend of UNDP office pipeline and resources mobilization efforts. Indeed, the projections are based on ongoing engagement which has already started for a significant portion of the total envelop based and joint efforts with the government to unlock climate finance and address top Vulnerability of the country.	The relevant risk mitigation measure under Paragraph 34 has been revised as follows: "adaptation in planning and resource allocation – including programmatic prioritization - based on dynamic management and systematic context analysis;"
	• There are output indicators and outcome indicators but the gap between the two is wide and some medium-term	The achievement of UNSDCF outcomes – which need to be incorporated verbatim into the UNDP	Not required

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	outcomes and associated indicators would be useful and important in the context of resource mobilisation.	CPD - depends on the contributions from all UN entities and other development actors in Djibouti. CPD outputs only represent UNDP´s contributions to the high-level CF outcomes. The gap between the two is addressed through the UNSDCF outputs which are not reflected in the UNDP CPD but can be found in the UNSDCF RRF or the Joint Work Plans that will be developed based on the CF RRF.	
	• An overall observation is that while there is reference to the overall UNSDCF it is hard to get a sense of where the UNDP plans fit into the whole and how they intersect with other UN agencies. There are links in the results framework, but it would be worth UNDP considering some diagrammatic representation of how their work aligns/intersects with the work of other UN agencies. Alternatively, they could share the UNSDCF although the former option is preferable. Linked to this is a suggestion that the ToC (assuming it exists beyond what is articulated in the document) should be shared as part of the review process.	The UNSDCF RRF is posted on the UNSDG website and can be accessed by EB members. With regards to showing in more detail the alignment and intersections of the UNDP CPD with the programmes of other UN entities, this will be facilitated through the subsequent development of the UNSDCF Joint Work Plans by the UN system working groups operationalizing the UNSDCF. It is worth noting that with reference UNSDCF RRF, UNDP is contributing directly to 6 out of 9 and indirectly to 2 additional in SP2 which are related to collections and capacities building	Not required