

# Proposed modifications to approval procedures and documentation for country programme documents



# Justification for proposed changes (QCPR)

- Simplification and greater harmonization of programming instruments and processes across UN Funds and Programmes
- Stronger alignment of country programmes to the strategic plan
- Further strengthen national ownership of country programmes of cooperation
- Efficiency gains and cost savings

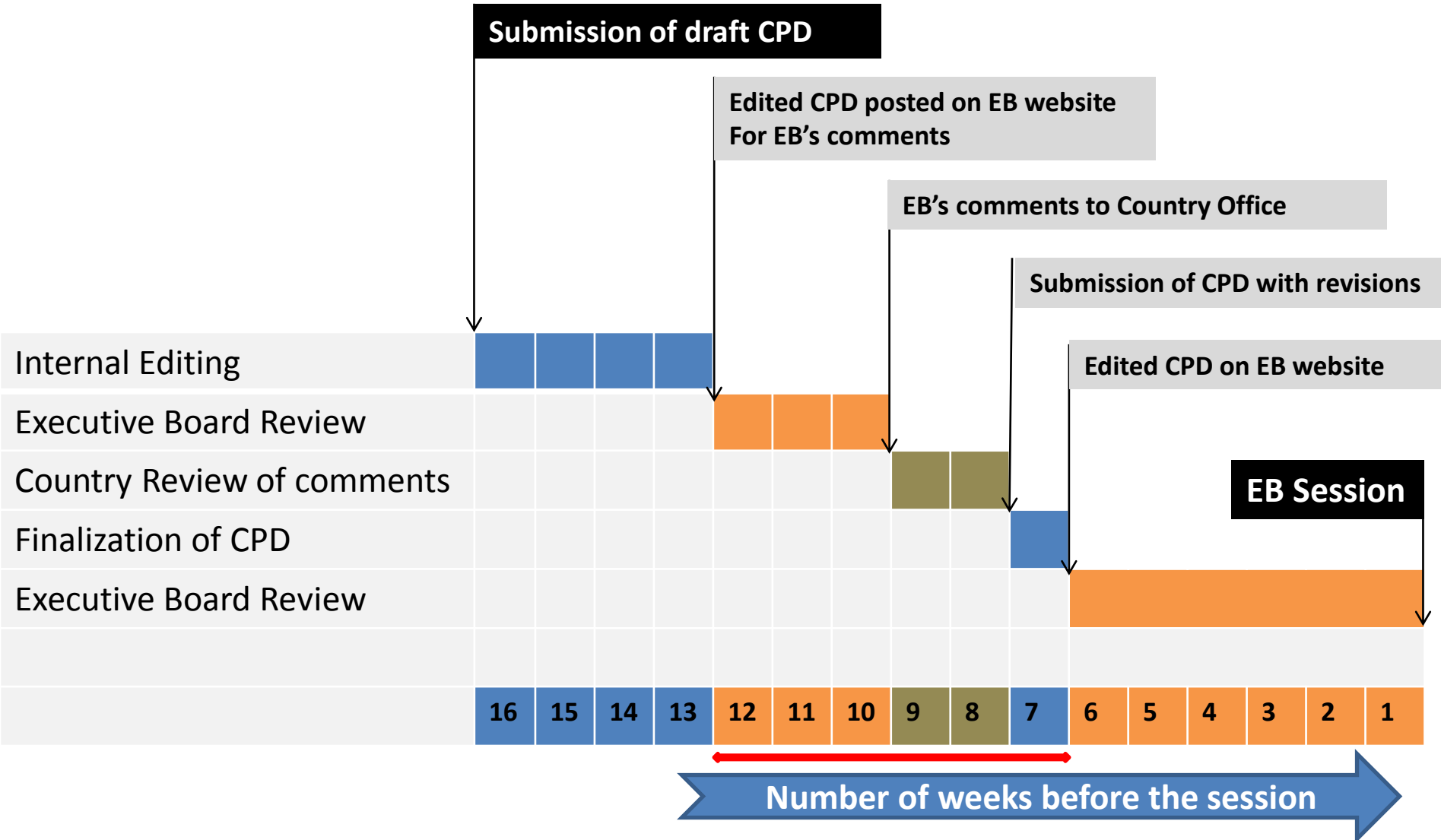
# Summary of main changes

Nature of Changes	Current Format	Proposed Format
<b>Page length</b>	6-10 pages; 4,800 words of narrative	Up to 6 pages; 3,300 words of narrative
<b>Structuring of content</b>	Several headings, with often inadequately developed or repetitive content: Ex: preparation process, key results and lessons learned, relationship to international priorities,	<b>Summarised to four key sections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programme Rationale</li><li>• Programme Priorities and Partnerships</li><li>• Programme Management and risks</li><li>• Monitoring and Evaluation and a supplement:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated Results and Resources Framework with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indicative outputs</li><li>• Budgeted Outcomes</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>

# Proposed Modifications for the consideration and approval of country programme documents

- Consideration and approval at the same Board Session
- Presentation at the session most appropriate for Government and UNICEF planning and priorities
- Increased engagement with Board members before approval
- Potential to reduce transaction costs for all concerned

# Proposed timeline



# Other modifications proposed

## **Consolidated Results Report**

- Incorporate the analysis/summary into the publicly accessible country office annual report

## **Regional Mid-Term Review Reports**

- Discontinue regional MTR reports to the Board, given emphasis on UN-wide review of UNDAFs; the associated costs; and emphasis on on-going reporting of results/lessons learned of each programme