**Press Release**

UNFPA Leadership converges at regional confab in Lomé, to Accelerate and Scale-up Program interventions in new Strategic Plan

**Dakar, Senegal - 24 February 2022:** The Senior Leadership and Management of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is converging for a Regional Leadership Meeting (RLM) on the theme, “Leveraging the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan to achieve the Three Transformative Results in West and Central Africa.” The regional meeting will take place from 28 February to 2 March 2022 in Lomé, Togo.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo, H.E. Victoire Tomegah Dogbé is expected to officially open the meeting, which will be attended in person by the UNFPA Deputy Executive Director for Programme, Dr. Diene Keita, and the UNFPA Regional Director for West and Central Africa, Ms. Argentina Matavel Piccin.

Ahead of the meeting, the UNFPA West and Central Africa Regional Director, Ms. Argentina Matavel Piccin anticipates profound internal reflections and rich discussions. “We are looking forward to the opportunity to reflect internally on how we would to accelerate the realization of the three transformative results, the three zeros in this region, as our contribution to improving the lives of women, girls and young people, within the broader framework of UNFPA’s Strategic Plan 2022-2025, the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda, as championed by the UN Secretary-General.” Ms. Argentina Matavel Piccin remarked.

The RLM will focus on three key thematic areas. The first among these is the new UNFPA strategic plan 2022-2025 with a particular focus on the urgency of accelerating the fulfilment of promises for achieving the three transformative results. The second topic focuses on the adjustments to be made, and the required support services for the development of the new Country Programme Documents (CPDs), which are the main vehicles for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025, while identifying the existing challenges and bottlenecks which prevent women and girls from accessing rights and choices in the context of the three transformative outcomes.
The Regional Leadership Meeting is part of UNFPA's strategic meetings held periodically in one of the countries within the West and Central Africa region. For this year 2022, in addition to the presence of the Deputy Executive Director for Programme and the UNFPA Regional Director for West and Central Africa, this year’s RLM will be enhanced by the participation of several other Directors from Headquarters and Resident Representatives, Deputies and Assistant Representatives from all 23 Country Offices as well as Regional Advisors.

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