

UNICEF Executive Board

2020 programme of work

The annual programme of work for UNICEF Executive Board sessions is prepared and updated by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board, based on statutory requirements, requests arising from specific decisions by or discussions within the Executive Board, or proposals made by the secretariat. It is a flexible framework, which is subject to revisions as deemed appropriate in the course of the year.

The 2020 programme of work was adopted by the Executive Board at its 2019 second regular session. *Below is the most recent version of the 2020 programme of work, which was endorsed by the Bureau on 23 July 2020.*

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 29 May 2020.

<i>First regular session 11–13 February 2020</i>	<i>Annual session (virtual) 29 June–2 July 2020</i>	<i>Second regular session 8–11 September 2020</i>
Organizational and procedural matters	Organizational and procedural matters	Organizational and procedural matters
Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board (D) (14 January 2020)		Proposed programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2021 (I)
Working methods (D)		Working methods ¹ (D)
Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters
UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D) (Cuba; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Mali, Paraguay)	Report on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 and annual report for 2019 of the Executive Director of UNICEF (D)	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D) (Belarus; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Colombia, China; Indonesia; Kazakhstan; Serbia (and Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/1999)); Turkey; Turkmenistan; Timor-Leste; Uganda)
Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)	UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit ³ (I)	Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)
Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings (I)	UNICEF response to the COVID-19 pandemic ⁴ (I)	Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 (D)
Update on UNICEF humanitarian action (I)	Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action (D)	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action (I)
Extension of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its revolving fund ² (D)	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2018–2021 (I)	
Update on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 (D)	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D) (Ethiopia, South Africa)	
	Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)	

¹ Following Bureau decision of 11 May 2020, agenda item moved from the annual session to the second regular session.

² The document title was revised by the UNICEF secretariat.

³ The report is considered under the agenda item “Report on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 and annual report for 2019 of the Executive Director of UNICEF.”

⁴ Included on the agenda following Bureau decision of 28 April 2020.

Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

Evaluation of innovation in UNICEF work, and management response (*D*)

Update on the implementation of the recommendations made in the independent panel review of the UNICEF response to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse; the Morgan Lewis report on sexual harassment investigations conducted by the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations; and the report of the Independent Task Force on Workplace Gender-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Abuse of Authority (*I*)

Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

Annual report for 2019 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response (*D*)

Evaluation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, and management response (*D*)

Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

Evaluation of the UNICEF contribution to education in humanitarian situations, and management response (*D*)

Oral update on UNICEF research activities and priorities in this regard (*I*)

Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2019, and management response⁴ (*D*)

Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2019 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response⁴ (*D*)

UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2019 annual report⁴ (*I*)

Update on the implementation of the recommendations made in the independent panel review of the UNICEF response to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse; the Morgan Lewis report on sexual harassment investigations conducted by the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations; and the report of the Independent Task Force on Workplace Gender-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Abuse of Authority⁴ (*D*)

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response (*D*)

Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2020 workplan and proposed budget (*D*)

Joint preliminary comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy (*I*)

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2018–2021 (*D*)

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2020–2023 (*D*)

Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2019 (*D*)

Joint comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy (*D*)

Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (I)

Other matters

Provisional list of agenda items for the annual session of 2020 (I)

Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (I)⁵

Other matters

Update on the targets and corresponding efforts of UNICEF to make its global operations more environmentally sustainable (I)

Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

Provisional list of agenda items for the second regular session of 2020 (I)

Other matters

Provisional list of agenda items for the first regular session of 2021 (I)

Note:

(D) *For decision:* The secretariat prepares documentation on the agenda item. The Executive Board is expected to discuss and adopt a decision under the agenda item.

(I) *For information:* The secretariat prepares documentation for information. The Executive Board may opt to take a decision under the agenda item.

⁵ Following Bureau endorsement on 13 May 2020, agenda item changed from “for decision” to “for information”.