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Provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/1](#))

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the proposed programme of work presented to the Board at its second regular session of 2022. The Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that it considers necessary.

2. Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

3. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board ([E/ICEF/2023/2](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations Member States. In accordance with the rotation scheme established by the Board in its decision 1992/7, the President for 2023 will be nominated from among the Western European and other States that are members of the Board. The election will take place on 10 January 2023.

Programme and policy matters

4. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The programme documents listed below are presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. Costed evaluation plans are posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents. The website also includes a link to the United Nations Sustainable Development Group website, where the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks have been made available. The 15 programme documents are presented by region:

East Asia and the Pacific

Pacific Islands multi-country programme ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.1](#))

Latin America and Caribbean

Bolivia (Plurinational State of) ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.2](#))

Costa Rica ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.3](#))

Dominican Republic ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.4](#))

Ecuador ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.5](#))

Haiti ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.6](#))

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.7](#))

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.8](#))

Iran (Islamic Republic of) ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.9](#))

Lebanon ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.10](#))

Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Palestine area programme ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.11](#))

South Asia

Nepal ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.12](#))

West and Central Africa

Cabo Verde ([DP/FPA-ICEF/CCPD/2023/CPV/1](#) (common country programme document))

Central African Republic ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.13](#))

Sao Tome and Principe ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.14](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.15](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the six-month extension of the country programme for Papua New Guinea, following a six-month extension; and the 10-month extension of the country programme for Mauritania, following a two-month extension; and (ii) requested to approve the 10-month extension of the country programme for Brazil, following a one-year extension and a two-month extension; the 10-month extension of the country programme for the Gambia, following a one-year extension and a two-month extension; and the 10-month extension of the country programme for Afghanistan, following a two-year extension, a three-month extension and an 11-month extension.

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5. Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the forty-ninth and fiftieth Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings

For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/2)

The Executive Board will hear an oral report on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the forty-ninth and fiftieth United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held from 7 to 10 December 2021 and 21 to 24 June 2022, respectively.

UNICEF focal point:

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6. UNICEF humanitarian action

(a) Update on UNICEF humanitarian action

For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/3)

The Executive Board will hear an update on the progress made towards the implementation of the recommendations in the report titled “Strengthening UNICEF’s humanitarian action, The Humanitarian Review: findings and recommendations”.

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(b) Update on COVID-19 vaccination and the progress achieved through the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership

For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/6)

The update will provide an overview of the work of the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership in supporting the acceleration of the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines at country level, outlining trends, challenges and solutions identified. The partnership was established by UNICEF and the World Health Organization in consultation with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

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7. Update on metrics and indicators used to measure progress on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment and inform strategies, policies and procedures

For information (E/ICEF/2023/5)

The Executive Board will hear an update on metrics used to measure progress on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and on how data obtained, including on allegations, are analysed and used by UNICEF to inform strategies, policies and procedures.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

8. Update on the status of the independent peer review of the UNICEF evaluation function

For information (E/ICEF/2023/6)

The report will provide a broad overview of the independent peer review scope and overall approach, as well as an update on its status and a forward-looking preview of the process for using its findings and recommendations to inform the revision of the UNICEF evaluation policy.

UNICEF focal point:

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9. Evaluability assessment and formative evaluation of the UNICEF positioning to achieve the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, and management response
For decision (E/ICEF/2023/3, E/ICEF/2023/4)

The evaluation report will provide an assessment of how well positioned UNICEF is to achieve the goals set forth in the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, and to adequately measure its progress towards those goals. The report will include recommendations for actions to help maximize the likelihood that UNICEF will succeed in achieving the ambitions set for the organization, and the management response will provide a preliminary sense of the overall direction that UNICEF will take to act on those recommendations. The Executive Board will be presented with a summary of the evaluation report. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

10. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response

For decision (A/77/5/Add.3); for information (E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.2)

The UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements and report of the Board of Auditors are presented to the Executive Board annually, with the presentation taking place at the first regular session so that the Board can take into account any comments on the report made by the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly.¹ In addition, the following related reports are available to the Executive Board for information: (a) report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2021 (A/77/322/Add.1) and (b) financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2021: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/77/574).

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¹ The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the report on 18 November 2022.

11. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2023 workplan and proposed budget*For decision (E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.1)***Update on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising***For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/5)*

The report covers the workplan and proposed budget for 2023 for private fundraising and partnership activities. The Executive Board will also be presented with updates on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising.

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chaddadmardini@unicef.org / +41 22 909 5701**12. Oral update on the work of the National Committees for UNICEF***For information*

The Executive Board will receive an update on the long-standing partnership of UNICEF with the National Committees for UNICEF, with a focus on their contributions to results and impact for children through their income and influence roles.

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chaddadmardini@unicef.org / +41 22 909 5701**13. Update on UNICEF engagement with international financial institutions***For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/7)*

The update will provide an overview of UNICEF partnerships with international financial institutions, as well as information about how UNICEF engagement with international financial institutions supports the objectives of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025.

UNICEF focal point:

Ms. June Kunugi

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jkunugi@unicef.org / 212 326 7118**Other matters and adoption of draft decisions****14. Report of the field visit of the Executive Board of UNICEF***For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/4)*

Presented for information are the report of the field visit of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF to Thailand, from 31 October to 4 November 2022.

15. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its annual session of 2023 and may consider any other matters under this agenda item.

16. Adoption of draft decisions**17. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board**

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2023 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board

7–10 February 2023²

Tuesday 10 January	10–11.30 a.m.	Item 3	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board
Tuesday 7 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
		Item 2	Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF
			General statements
	1.15–2.45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	3–5 p.m.	Item 10	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response
		Item 11	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2023 workplan and proposed budget
		Item 12	Oral update on the work of the National Committees for UNICEF
	5–6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday 8 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 5	Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the forty-ninth and fiftieth Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings
		Item 4	UNICEF programme cooperation (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes (a) Country programme documents
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	3–5 p.m.	Item 8	Update on the status of the independent peer review of the UNICEF evaluation function
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² When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

	5–6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Thursday 9 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 6	UNICEF humanitarian action (a) Update on UNICEF humanitarian action (b) Update on COVID-19 vaccination and the progress achieved through the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership
		Item 13	Update on UNICEF engagement with international financial institutions
	1.15–2.45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	3–5 p.m.	Item 14	Report of the field visit of the Executive Board of UNICEF
		Item 15	Other matters Provisional list of agenda items for the annual session of 2023
		Item 16	Adoption of draft decisions
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