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Provisional annotated agenda

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

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/9](#))

The provisional agenda has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board on the basis of the 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 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.

Programme and policy matters

3. Annual report for 2022 of the Executive Director of UNICEF

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/10](#))

The report covers 2022, the first year of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025. It takes stock of progress towards the aims of the Strategic Plan, presenting and analysing progress against key indicators. Included with the report are the following documents: (a) report on the implementation of the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025; (b) report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system; (c) description of independent oversight functions/bodies in UNICEF; and (d) a data companion and scorecard.

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UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit

For information ([E/ICEF/2023/11](#))

The report summarizes the UNICEF response to recommendations addressed to the organization contained in reports and notes issued by the Joint Inspection Unit from January through December 2022.

UNICEF focal point:

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4. Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/14](#))

The annual report presents an overview of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises in 2022, globally, regionally and at the country level, outlining key challenges met and lessons learned in humanitarian action. The report further elaborates on ways in which the organization has acted on these lessons and the way forward in the new Strategic Plan period, 2022–2025.

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5. Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2022–2025

For information (E/ICEF/2023/15)

The report provides an update on programmatic and institutional results, including financial resources and expenditures, based on the results matrix, indicators and performance benchmarks of the Gender Action Plan. The report also includes information on the organization's efforts to strengthen its gender-related expertise at the country level, in line with Executive Board decision 2020/12. The report is accompanied by a data companion and scorecard.

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6. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The country programme document listed below is presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. The country programme document and costed evaluation plan are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website, as is a link to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework on the United Nations Sustainable Development Group website.

Latin America and Caribbean

Chile ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.16](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision (E/ICEF/2023/P/L.17)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the two-month extensions of the country programmes for Cambodia and the Philippines, and the one-year extension of the country programme for Namibia; and (ii) requested to approve the one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, following two consecutive one-year extensions.

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7. Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

For decision (E/ICEF/2023/12)

The report describes how UNICEF is preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse in its policies, procedures and operations at headquarters, regional and country levels.

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8. Update on organizational culture and diversity

For decision (E/ICEF/2023/13)

The report provides an update on recent and ongoing progress in making the organizational culture of UNICEF more values-based, diverse and inclusive. Challenges, opportunities and collaboration with other United Nations entities are also highlighted.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

9. Evaluation reports and management responses

Annual report for 2022 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2023/18, E/ICEF/2023/19)

The annual report is prepared in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/4, which requested that UNICEF report annually on the evaluation function and on the findings and recommendations of evaluations completed each year. The report describes the contextual factors influencing the work of the evaluation function in 2022 and the measures taken to continue meeting the learning and accountability needs of the organization and its stakeholders. It presents an overview of the performance of the evaluation function in 2022, including an analysis of achievements and challenges encountered during that period, as well as an analysis of the main factors that help to explain those outcomes and examples of particularly influential evaluations and other evaluative activities from across the function. The report also outlines progress in response to requests made in decisions of the Board. The report is accompanied by a management response.

UNICEF focal point for the annual report:

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Evaluation of the UNICEF Level 3 response to the global coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and management response

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/20](#), [E/ICEF/2023/21](#))

The evaluation focuses on the UNICEF response to the COVID-19 pandemic between January 2020 and March 2022. The learning-focused exercise built on a large body of primary and secondary evidence and yielded a strategically and operationally relevant synthesis for immediate fruition by policymakers and field responders. The report sheds light on how UNICEF operationalized its first global Level 3 activation and measures the extent to which UNICEF was well prepared to respond to the pandemic, including how effectively UNICEF addressed the needs of the affected population and set up successful partnerships at the global, regional and country levels. The report is accompanied by a management response.

UNICEF focal point for the evaluation report:

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UNICEF focal point for the management response:

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10. Draft revised evaluation policy of UNICEF

For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/11)

The report represents the draft revised evaluation policy of UNICEF, which is presented for the discussion and feedback of the Executive Board. In accordance with the commitment made in the current evaluation policy of UNICEF, the draft revised policy has benefited from the analysis of an independent peer review initiated in 2022 and completed in early 2023. The draft has also been informed by a wide range of other inputs, including extensive stakeholder consultations and desk reviews. Revisions will be made to incorporate that feedback, as well as additional feedback received from internal stakeholders in the interim, and the final revised policy will be presented for the approval of the Executive Board at its second regular session of 2023.

UNICEF focal point:

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11. Internal audit and investigations**UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2022 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response**

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.4](#), [E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.4/Add.1](#), [E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.5](#))

The report, prepared annually in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/28, provides an overview of the Office, describes key issues highlighted by its internal audit and investigations work, summarizes the organizational follow-up to the implementation of recommendations and provides information on the disclosure of internal audit reports during 2022. The report is accompanied by an addendum detailing the investigations closed in 2022, as well as a management response.

UNICEF focal point for the report:
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UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2022 annual report to the Executive Board
For information

The annual report of this independent external oversight body is presented to the Executive Board for information.

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12. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2022, and management response
For decision (E/ICEF/2023/16, E/ICEF/2023/17)

The report of the activities of the Ethics Office and its management response are presented to the Executive Board in accordance with its decisions 2010/18 and 2018/11.

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13. Preliminary assessment of the implementation of the World Bank instrument, and oral management response
For information

The report presents the results of the preliminary assessment of the World Bank instrument developed to facilitate investment in private sector fundraising. The report is accompanied by an oral management response.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

14. Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system

For decision

In its decision 2018/15, the Executive Board requested UNICEF to continue its engagement with the Board on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) and to provide regular updates on that work. The information note also includes updates on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [76/4](#) on the review of the resident coordinator system, in the context of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and addresses the requests contained in Executive Board decision 2022/16 adopted at the annual session of 2022.

UNICEF focal point:

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15. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022

For decision (E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.3)

The report is presented annually to the Executive Board, in accordance with annex I to General Assembly resolution [48/162](#) of 20 December 1993.

UNICEF focal point:

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

16. Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

The chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

UNICEF focal point:

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17. Other matters

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

18. Adoption of draft decisions

19. UNICEF Staff Team Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

Following the announcement of the 2023 Staff Team Awards, the Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

**Provisional timetable and organization of work for the
2023 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board,
13–16 June 2023¹**

Tuesday 13 June	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
		Item 3	Annual report for 2022 of the Executive Director of UNICEF UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit <i>General statements</i>
	1.15–2.45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	3–5 p.m.		<i>General statements (cont'd)</i>
		Item 4	Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 7	Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse
		Item 8	Update on organizational culture and diversity
	5–6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday 14 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 9	Evaluation reports and management responses Annual report for 2022 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response Evaluation of the UNICEF Level 3 response to the global coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and management response
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	1.15–2.45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>

¹ 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.

	3–5 p.m.	Item 15	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022
		Item 14	Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system
		Item 12	Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2022, and management response
	5–6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Thursday 15 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		Special focus session
		Item 6	UNICEF programme cooperation (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 5	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2022–2025
		Item 16	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association
	2–6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Friday 16 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 17	Other matters
		Item 18	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 19	UNICEF Staff Team Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board
	3–5 p.m.		