

UNICEF Executive Board

2021 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 2021 programme of work was presented to the Executive Board at its 2020 second regular session. Below is the most recent version of the 2021 programme of work, as at **10 February 2021**.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 27 May 2021.

<i>First regular session 9–12 February 2021</i>	<i>Annual session 1–4 June 2021</i>	<i>Second regular session 7–10 September 2021</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) (12 January 2021)		Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2022 (I)
Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters
Updated road map to the development of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, including consultations and briefings (I)	Annual report for 2020 of the Executive Director of UNICEF (D)	UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 (D)
UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D)	UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit ² (I)	UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2022–2025 (I)
Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)	UNICEF Strategic Plan 2022–2025, draft for review (I)	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D)
Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action (D)	Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)
Programme Coordinating Board meetings (I)	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2018–2021 (I)	Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 (D)
UNICEF response to COVID-19 (I) ¹ : Update on UNICEF humanitarian action; Overview of the strategic repositioning of the UNICEF response and the way forward	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D)	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action (I)
	Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)	Progress update on UNICEF experience in high-income countries and in countries transitioning from upper-middle-income to high-income status within the framework of the UNICEF universal agenda for child rights (I) ³

¹ Following Bureau meeting of 27 October 2020, the agenda item was expanded and the title changed.

² The report is considered under the agenda item “Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF”.

³ The report was included in the programme of work in fulfilment of decision 2016/11. The Bureau was informed on 26 January 2021.

Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

Evaluation reports and management responses (*D*)

Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

Annual report for 2020 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response (*D*)

Evaluation report and management response (*D*)

Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2020, and management response (*D*)

Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2020 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response (*D*)

UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2020 annual report (*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 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

Plan for global evaluations, 2022–2025 (*D*)

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

Oral 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*)

UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response (*D*)

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

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 (*D*)

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

UNICEF integrated budget, 2022–2025 (*D*)

UNICEF integrated budget, 2022–2025: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (*I*)

Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (*D*)⁴

⁴ Agenda item moved from the annual session to the second regular session, with Bureau concurrence, on 1 December 2020.

Private Fundraising and Partnerships:
2021 workplan and proposed budget
(D)

Other matters

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

Other matters

Address by the Chairperson of the
UNICEF Global Staff Association

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

Other matters

Reports of the field visit of the
Executive Board of UNICEF and the
joint field visits of the Executive
Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS,
UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (I)

Provisional list of agenda items for
the first regular session of 2022 (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.