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 11 March 2021.


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**Organizational and procedural matters**

- Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board (D) (12 January 2021)

**Programme and policy matters**

- Updated road map to the development of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, including consultations and briefings (I)
- UNICEF programme cooperation:
  - Country programme documents (D)
  - 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 COVID-19 (I):
  - Update on UNICEF humanitarian action;
  - Overview of the strategic repositioning of the UNICEF response and the way forward

- Annual report for 2020 of the Executive Director of UNICEF (D)
- UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (I)
- UNICEF Strategic Plan 2022–2025, draft for review (I)
- Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action (D)
- Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2018–2021 (I)
- UNICEF programme cooperation:
  - Country programme documents (D)
  - Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)
- Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 (D)
- Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action (I)
- 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

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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 of UNICEF work for children in urban settings**, and management response *(D)*
- **Evaluation of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021**, and management response *(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)*

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### Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

- **Annual report for 2020 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response** *(D)*
- **Global evaluation of UNICEF water, sanitation and hygiene programming in protracted crises, 2014–2019** *(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)*

### 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)*
- **Update on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising** *(I)*

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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.