Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

"UN80: System-wide Perspectives and Strategic Considerations"

Agenda

Friday 5 June 2026, 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. (EDT) / 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (CEST)
Conference Room 2 of the United Nations Headquarters, New York

Chair: Acting President of the Executive Board of UN-Women, *H.E. Mr. Godfrey Kwoba*, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations	
10:00 – 10:05	Virtual remarks by the President of the Executive Board of UN-Women, *H.E. Dr. Adonia Ayebare*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations
10:05 – 10:15	**System-wide framing** ● Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina J. Mohammed
10:15 – 10:45	**Remarks by all Principals** (5 min each) ● UN-Women Executive Director, Ms. Sima Bahous ● UNDP Administrator, Mr. Alexander De Croo ● UNFPA Executive Director, Ms. Diene Keita ● UNOPS Executive Director, Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva ● UNICEF Executive Director, Ms. Catherine Russell ● WFP Acting Executive Director, Mr. Carl Skau
Session 1: Governance, mandates and system-wide coherence	
10:45 – 10:55	**Introduction** ● Acting President of the Executive Board of UN-Women, *H.E. Mr. Godfrey Kwoba*, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations ● President of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, *H.E. Mr. Cornel Feruță*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations
10:55 – 11:55	**Interactive dialogue with Member States and Principals** (1 hour)
Session 2: Operational efficiency, delivery models and partnerships	

11:55 – 12:10	**Introduction** • President of the Executive Board of WFP, *H.E. Ms. Carla Barroso Carneiro*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil to the Rome-based United Nations agencies • President of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, *H.E. Mr. Cornel Feruță*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations • Vice President of the Executive Board of UNICEF, *H.E. Mr. Wellington Bencosme Castaños,* Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations
12:10 – 12:55	**Interactive dialogue with Member States and Principals** (45 min)
Closing of the Meeting	
12:55 – 13:00	**Closing remarks by the Chair** • Acting President of the Executive Board of UN-Women, *H.E. Mr. Godfrey Kwoba*, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations

Guiding Questions

These questions are intended to guide discussion in the two sessions of the Joint Meeting of the Boards. They are not directed to any particular speaker but should serve as a common thread throughout the discussion.

Questions for session 1

1. What are some concrete examples of how the United Nations is engaging in humanitarian diplomacy? This may include efforts to negotiate access, build partnerships, or advocate for policy changes that facilitate humanitarian action and protect vulnerable populations.
2. How can the UN80 process enhance system-wide coherence while maintaining the distinct mandates, governance structures, and comparative advantages of each UN entity?
3. What roles should Executive Boards and Member States play in changes related to UN80, especially when proposals might impact mandates, operational models, lines of accountability, or intergovernmental oversight?
4. What evidence, analysis, and consultation processes should be provided to Member States before moving forward with significant UN80-related changes? How can transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making be ensured throughout this process?

Questions for session 2

1. How will the United Nations work to strengthen collaboration on integrated supply chains across various humanitarian contexts? Presenters are encouraged to elaborate on specific approaches, strategies, or mechanisms that can enhance efficiency, coordination, and effectiveness when delivering humanitarian aid through integrated supply chains.
2. In what ways can the collaboration between humanitarian and development actors be reinforced, particularly with regard to localization? This question seeks to explore how these partnerships and local engagement can be strengthened in the face of an increasingly prioritized global humanitarian response.
3. What are the clearest opportunities to improve operational efficiency, minimize duplication, and promote joint delivery across UN entities, while ensuring continued responsiveness at the country level and preserving mandate-specific expertise?
4. What is the most critical opportunity for the UN to transcend entity-specific mandates and move towards a unified, future-oriented vision with tangible impact at the country level?
5. To what extent could structures like the Unified Services Roadmap and Joint Knowledge Hubs help UN entities move out of silos? Are these mechanisms effective in fostering greater integration and collaboration across the system?