

UNICEF Executive Board

2026 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.

The programme of work serves as a flexible framework and is subject to revision, as appropriate, in the course of the year.

The 2026 programme of work was presented to the Executive Board on 5 September 2025 at its 2025 second regular session. Below is the latest programme of work as at **9 July 2026**.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 5 June 2026

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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 2026)		Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2027 (I)
Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters
UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D) Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D) Report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings (I) Update on UNICEF humanitarian action (I) Update on the UN80 Initiative and implementation by UNICEF (D) ¹ Update on UNICEF efforts to address racism and racial discrimination (D) ²	Annual report for 2025 of the Executive Director of UNICEF (D) UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit ³ (I) Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action (D) Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2022–2025 (I) ⁴ UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D) Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D) Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (D) Update on organizational culture and diversity (D) Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system (D) Update on the UN80 Initiative and implementation by UNICEF (D) ⁵	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D) Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D) Global and Regional Programme document, 2026–2029 (D) ⁶ Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 (D) Update on UNICEF humanitarian action (I) Update on the UN80 Initiative and implementation by UNICEF (D) ⁷

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters	Evaluation, audit and oversight matters	Evaluation, audit and oversight matters
Plan for global evaluations, 2026–2029 (D) Costed annual workplan for evaluation for 2026 (I)⁸ Evaluation report and management response (D) Progress on the consideration of the review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women by the Joint Inspection Unit (D)	Annual report for 2025 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response (D) Evaluation report and management response (I)⁹ Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2025, and management response (D) UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2025 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response (D) UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2025 annual report (I) Annual report on the risk profile of UNICEF (D) Progress on the consideration of the review of the governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women by the Joint Inspection Unit (D)	Progress on the consideration of the review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women by the Joint Inspection Unit (D) Update on oversight matters: Proposal outlining the modalities for consultation with the Executive Board with respect to the appointment, renewal, non-renewal and termination of the heads of the independent oversight offices (I)¹⁰ Revised Charter of the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations (D)¹¹
Resource, financial and budgetary matters	Resource, financial and budgetary matters	Resource, financial and budgetary matters
UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response (D) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2026 workplan and proposed budget (D)	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2025 (D)	UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2026–2029 (D)

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Other matters Report of the joint field visit (2025) of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (<i>I</i>) Provisional list of agenda items for the annual session of 2026 (<i>I</i>)	Other matters Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association Provisional list of agenda items for the second regular session of 2026 (<i>I</i>)	Other matters Report of the field visit (2026) of the Executive Board of UNICEF (<i>I</i>) ¹² Provisional list of agenda items for the first regular session of 2027 (<i>I</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.

¹ The update was added to the provisional agenda for the first regular session of 2026 pursuant to Bureau agreement on 4 September 2025. The update was changed from “for information” to “for decision” pursuant to Bureau meeting of 27 January 2026.

² The update was added to the programme of work pursuant to Executive Board decision 2025/21.

³ The report will be considered under the agenda item “Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF”.

⁴ The title of the report was updated by the UNICEF secretariat.

⁵ The update was added to the programme of work pursuant to Executive Board decision 2026/1.

⁶ The item was added to the programme of work by the UNICEF secretariat and the Bureau was informed on 30 June 2026.

⁷ The update was added to the programme of work pursuant to Executive Board decision 2026/1.

⁸ The title of the document was updated by the UNICEF secretariat.

⁹ The agenda item was changed from “for decision” to “for information” pursuant to Bureau meeting of 31 March 2026.

¹⁰ The item was added to the programme of work pursuant to Executive Board decision 2026/16.

¹¹ The item was added to the programme of work pursuant to Executive Board decision 2026/18.

¹² The report of the joint field visit (2026) has been removed from the agenda of the second regular session given that the visit has been scheduled for late 2026.