UNICEF Executive Board
Orientation for the
2021 Executive Board members

15 January 2021
Gilles Fagninou
Secretary of the Executive Board
Getting familiar with the Executive Board

- The Executive Board has been the governing body of UNICEF since its creation by the General Assembly in 1946.

- UNICEF reports annually through the Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council, which in turn reports to the General Assembly.

- The annual term runs from 1 January to 31 December. Each year, the Economic and Social Council elects members of the Executive Board from among the United Nations Member States or members of the specialized agencies.

- The Executive Board provides intergovernmental support to the programmes of UNICEF and supervises its activities in accordance with the overall policy guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. The Board also makes sure that UNICEF is responsive to the needs and priorities of programme countries.
Getting familiar with the Executive Board

- The Bureau (President and 4 regional Vice-Presidents) serves as a bridge between the UNICEF secretariat and the regional groups. Members of the Bureau normally coordinate informal consultations within their respective regional groups.

- The Bureau usually meets monthly; during the three yearly sessions of the Executive Board, the Bureau meets daily.

- The Bureau can schedule ad-hoc meetings as needed throughout the year.

- The Executive Board of UNICEF works in close cooperation with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UN-Women.

- The President also maintains contact with the Presidents of the Executive Boards of the other funds and programmes with regard to joint meetings and related issues.
Getting familiar with the Executive Board

- 2021 Informal Guide to the UNICEF Executive Board
- Available on the Executive Board website
- Useful tool throughout your tenure
2021 Executive Board

36 Member States, elected to three-year terms by ECOSOC

Africa (8 seats)
Benin
Burundi
Cameroon
Djibouti
Ethiopia
Liberia
Morocco (VP)
Zimbabwe

Asia (7)
Bangladesh
China
Kazakhstan
Mongolia
Pakistan
Republic of Korea (VP)
Yemen

Latin America and Caribbean (5)
Argentina
Costa Rica (VP)
Cuba
Mexico
Paraguay

Western Europe and Others (12)
Australia
Belgium
Finland
Germany
Italy
Japan
Netherlands
New Zealand (VP)
Norway
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States
2021 Programme of Work – first regular session

First regular session
9–12 February 2021

Organizational and procedural matters

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

Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

Evaluation reports and management responses (D)

Other matters

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

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

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)

Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2021 workplan and proposed budget (D)
2021 Programme of Work – annual session

Programme and policy matters

- 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)

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)

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)

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)
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2021 Field Visits

Two field visits each year:

- Members of Executive Board
- Joint visit of the members of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP

Related guidelines:

- **FRS 2020** - Guidelines for the field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, and for the joint field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP
- **Decision 2018/14** on “working methods”: Decides to eliminate the yearly field visit of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF
- **E/ICEF/2004/19** – Proposed guidelines for field visits by members of the UNICEF Executive Board
# Calendar

*Meetings of the UNICEF Executive Board*

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Session documents

First regular session 2021
9-12 February 2021

Available in: English, Français, Español

Documentation

- Session documents
- Presentations and statements (posted as available)
- Decisions (post-session document)
- Report of session (post-session document)

Key information

- Information note
- Participant's guide to virtual meetings
- List of speakers
- List of participants
- UN Journal
- UN Web TV

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Country programme document archive

The archive contains country programme documents (CPDs) approved by the UNICEF Executive Board, including the ongoing programme cycle and extensions for each country.

VISIT THE CPD ARCHIVE
Decisions

Decisions adopted by the UNICEF Executive Board

Decision monitoring tables

Executive Board decision monitoring tables for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Annual compendiums of decisions

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# Resources

Documents relevant to the work of the UNICEF Executive Board

## Organizational and procedural matters

- Rules of procedure

## Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

- Revised evaluation policy of UNICEF

## Other matters

- Working methods of the Executive Boards (2020)

## Programme and policy matters

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## Historical documents

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Thank You!