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Provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

For decision (E/ICEF/2023/24/Rev.2)

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session of 2022. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that it considers necessary.

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2. Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

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Organizational and procedural matters

3. Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2024

For information (E/ICEF/2023/25)

The proposed programme of work is based on suggestions by the secretariat and on Executive Board decisions. It has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF and is presented to the Board. The programme of work serves as a framework for setting the agendas for the Executive Board sessions in 2024, subject to decisions by the Board and any modifications introduced in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board.

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Programme and policy matters

4. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The country programme documents listed below are presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. Costed evaluation plans for each country programme are posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents, as is a link to the United Nations Sustainable Development Group website, where the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks have been made available, as appropriate. The 12 country programme documents are presented by region:

East Asia and the Pacific

Papua New Guinea ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.18](#))

Eastern and Southern Africa

Angola ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.19](#))

Burundi ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.20](#))

Lesotho ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.21](#))

Malawi ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.22](#))

Latin America and Caribbean

Nicaragua ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.23](#))

West and Central Africa

Benin ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.24](#) and [E/ICEF/2023/P/L.24/Corr.1](#))

Chad ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.25](#))

Equatorial Guinea ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.26](#))

Mauritania ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.27](#))

Senegal ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.28](#))

Togo ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.29](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision ([E/ICEF/2023/P/L.30](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the two-month extensions of the country programmes for Bhutan and Madagascar, and the one-year extension of the country programme for Sierra Leone; and (ii) requested to approve the two-month extension of the country programme for Guinea, following a one-year extension; the two-month extension of the country programme for Brazil, following one-year, two-month and 10-month extensions; the two-month extension of the country programme for the Gambia, following one-year, two-month and 10-month extensions; the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Myanmar and Ukraine, following respective one-year extensions; the one-year extension of the country programme for the Sudan, following two consecutive one-year extensions; the two-year extension of the subregional programme for the Gulf Area; the two-year extension of the country programme for Burkina Faso, following two-year and one-year extensions; and the two-year extension of the country programme for Afghanistan, following two-year, three-month, 11-month and 10-month extensions.

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5. Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action*For information*

The Executive Board will be presented with an oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action. The update includes an overview of the situation of children living in crisis and outlines the UNICEF response as well as challenges and achievements.

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6. Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025*For decision (E/ICEF/2023/26)***Funding compact: Progress against Member State and entity-specific commitments related to UNICEF***For information (UNICEF/2023/EB/13)*

The structured dialogue is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with several decisions of the Board, the most recent being 2022/20. In addition, in accordance with its decision 2019/23, the Board will be presented with a progress report on Member State and entity-specific commitments related to UNICEF.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters**7. Revised evaluation policy of UNICEF***For decision (E/ICEF/2023/27 and E/ICEF/2023/27/Corr.1)*

In follow-up to the independent peer review of the evaluation function of UNICEF and Executive Board decisions 2018/10, 2022/13 and 2023/12, UNICEF is presenting to the Board a revision of the evaluation policy (E/ICEF/2018/14) that was endorsed by the Board in 2018.

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8. Update on the implementation of the recommendations in the self-assessment of the independence of the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations*For information (E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.7)*

The document provides an update on management actions to implement suggestions and pathways to further strengthen the independence of the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations recommended in its self-assessment previously presented to the Executive Board.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

9. UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2023–2026

For decision (E/ICEF/2023/AB/L.6)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2013/20, updated financial estimates for the UNICEF Strategic Plan are presented to the Executive Board annually. The estimates provide a basis for determining the level of regular resource expenditures, including for programme submissions for approval in 2024. The document includes information requested in decisions 2021/19 and 2022/22.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

10. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its first regular session of 2024 and may consider any other matters under this agenda item.

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11. Adoption of draft decisions

12. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

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Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2023 second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board, 5–7 September 2023¹

Tuesday 5 September	11 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
		Item 2	Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF General statements
	1.15–2.45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	3–5 p.m.		General statements (continued)
		Item 6	Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025
Wednesday 6 September	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 9	UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2023–2026
		5–6 p.m.	
	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 4	UNICEF programme cooperation (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 7	Revised evaluation policy of UNICEF
Item 5		Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action	
Thursday 7 September	1.15–2.45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
		3–5 p.m.	Item 8
	3–5 p.m.	Item 3	Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2024
		Item 10	Other matters
		5–6 p.m.	
9 a.m.– noon			Interactive special focus session
	Item 11	Adoption of draft decisions	
3–5 p.m.	Item 12	Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board	

¹ When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item may be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.