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Provisional annotated agenda

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

For decision (E/ICEF/2024/1)

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the proposed programme of work for 2024 presented to the Board at its second regular session of 2023. The 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. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board (E/ICEF/2024/2)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations Member States. In accordance with the rotation scheme established by the Board in its decision 1992/7, the President for 2024 will be nominated from among the African States that are members of the Board. The election will take place on 10 January 2024.

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Programme and policy matters

4. UNICEF programme cooperation

Country programme documents

For decision

The 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. The theme of the segment is disability inclusion. 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 seven programme documents are presented by region:

East Asia and the Pacific

Cambodia ([E/ICEF/2024/P/L.1](#))

Philippines ([E/ICEF/2024/P/L.2](#))

Eastern and Southern Africa

Madagascar ([E/ICEF/2024/P/L.3](#))

Latin America and Caribbean

Brazil ([E/ICEF/2024/P/L.4](#))

South Asia

Bhutan ([E/ICEF/2024/P/L.5](#))

West and Central Africa

Gambia ([E/ICEF/2024/P/L.6](#))

Guinea ([E/ICEF/2024/P/L.7](#))

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5. Report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the fifty-first and fifty-second meetings of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board

For information (UNICEF/2024/EB/2)

The Executive Board will hear an update on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the fifty-first and fifty-second United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held in December 2022 and June 2023, respectively. The report also provides an update on progress in the HIV response for children, adolescents and pregnant women.

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6. Update on UNICEF humanitarian action

For information (UNICEF/2024/EB/3)

The Executive Board will hear an update on the progress made towards the implementation of the recommendations in the Humanitarian Review, including on preparedness and localization efforts.

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7. Update on the implementation of the recommendations in the evaluation of the UNICEF Level 3 response to the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and on the ongoing COVID-19 transition and recovery efforts being implemented by UNICEF

For information ([E/ICEF/2024/7](#))

The report will provide context on current changes to the global health emergency preparedness and response architecture, and the ongoing COVID-19 transition and recovery efforts being implemented by UNICEF. It will include lessons learned and best practices from the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership, and how these can strengthen recovery and inform future public health emergency preparedness. Efforts to accelerate progress on maternal and child survival and health will also be highlighted.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

8. Evaluation reports and management responses

Evaluation of UNICEF social protection responses towards universal child benefits, and management response

For decision ([E/ICEF/2024/3](#), [E/ICEF/2024/4](#))

The evaluation assessed UNICEF strategies for expanding child benefits across 21 countries, with the goal of enhancing the global evidence base on effective actions for the expansion of child benefits, as well as offering strategic advice to UNICEF for future interventions in that domain. The evaluation scrutinized various actions and interventions available to UNICEF country offices, focusing on evidence generation and advocacy, fiscal space mobilization, government capacity-building and partnership development.

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Evaluation of phase II (2020–2023) of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage, and management response

For decision ([E/ICEF/2024/5](#), [E/ICEF/2024/6](#))

The evaluation provided an independent assessment of the progress made against the Global Programme's planned results, with a view to identifying key lessons learned and good practices to guide the strategic direction of the next phase of the Global Programme (2024–2030). The evaluation was jointly commissioned and managed by the UNICEF Evaluation Office and the UNFPA Evaluation Office.

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9. Update on the development of an overarching system for enterprise risk management

For decision (E/ICEF/2024/8)

The Executive Board will hear an update on the development of an overarching system for enterprise risk management, including an update on progress on the recommendations from the internal audit of enterprise risk management and the Chief Risk Officer's initial assessment of the UNICEF risk management system.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

10. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response

For decision (A/78/5/Add.3); for information (E/ICEF/2024/AB/L.2)

The UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements and report of the Board of Auditors are presented to the Executive Board annually, with the presentation taking place at the first regular session so that the Board can take into account any comments on the report made by the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly.¹ In addition, the following related reports are available to the Executive Board for information: (a) report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2022 (A/78/333/Add.1) and (b) financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2022: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/78/578).

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¹ The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the report on 22 November 2023.

11. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2024 workplan and proposed budget

For decision ([E/ICEF/2024/AB/L.1](#))

Update on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising

For information (UNICEF/2024/EB/4)

Oral update on the work of the National Committees for UNICEF

For information

The document covers the workplan and proposed budget for 2024 for private fundraising and partnership activities. The Executive Board will also be presented with updates on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising. In addition, the Executive Board will receive an oral update on the work of the National Committees for UNICEF.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions**12. Report of the joint field visit to Senegal by members of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, WFP and UN-Women, 2–6 October 2023**

For information ([DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF-UNW-WFP/2024/1](#))

Presented for information is the report of the joint field visit to Senegal of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, WFP and UN-Women, from 2 to 6 October 2023. The report is presented in accordance with Executive Board decision 2004/13 and paragraph 17 of the guidelines for field visits by members of the Executive Board ([E/ICEF/2004/19](#)).

13. Other matters

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

14. Adoption of draft decisions**15. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board**

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2024 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board

6–8 February 2024²

Tuesday 10 January	10–11 a.m.	Item 3	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board
Tuesday 6 February	10 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.	Item 10	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response
		Item 11	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2024 workplan and proposed budget
		Item 9	Update on the development of an overarching system for enterprise risk management
	5–6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday 7 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 4	UNICEF programme cooperation Country programme documents
		Item 8	Evaluation reports and management responses Evaluation of UNICEF social protection responses towards universal child benefits, and management response Evaluation of phase II (2020–2023) of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage, and management response
	1.15– 2.45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	3–5 p.m.	Item 6	Update on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 7	Update on the implementation of the recommendations in the evaluation of the UNICEF Level 3 response to the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and on the ongoing COVID-19 transition and recovery efforts being implemented by UNICEF

² When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

		Item 5	Report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the fifty-first and fifty-second meetings of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board
	5–6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Thursday 8 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		Special focus session
		Item 12	Report of the joint field visit to Senegal by members of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, WFP and UN-Women, 2–6 October 2023
		Item 13	Other matters
		Item 14	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 15	Closing statements of the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board
	3–5 p.m.		
