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Orientation for the 2024 Executive Board members

Gilles Fagninou, Secretary of the Executive Board

Getting familiar with the Executive Board

- ❑ The Executive Board is 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 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 oversight to the organization, in accordance with the overall policy guidance of the United Nations General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

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- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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



- 2023 Informal Guide to the UNICEF Executive Board
- Available on our [website](#)
- Useful tool throughout your tenure

2024 Executive Board

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



Africa (8 seats)

Algeria
Chad
Comoros
Côte d'Ivoire
Mozambique
Rwanda (President)
Senegal
United Republic of Tanzania

Eastern Europe (4)

Bulgaria (VP)
Czechia
Estonia
Poland

Asia (7)

Bangladesh
China
Lebanon
Oman
Tajikistan (VP)
Turkmenistan
United Arab Emirates

Latin America and Caribbean (5)

Cuba
Dominican Republic (VP)
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada

Western Europe and Others (12)

Austria (VP)
Canada
Finland
Germany
Iceland
Ireland
Japan
Norway
Netherlands
Sweden
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
United States of America

2024 Programme of Work

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 31 May 2024

<i>First regular session 6–8 February 2024</i>	<i>Annual session 11–14 June 2024</i>	<i>Second regular session 3–6 September 2024</i>
Organizational and procedural matters	Organizational and procedural matters	Organizational and procedural matters
Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board (D) (10 January 2024)		Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2025 (I)
Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters	Programme and policy matters
UNICEF programme cooperation: ¹ Country programme documents (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)	Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 and annual report for 2023 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	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents (D) Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D) Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 (D) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action (I)

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<p>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 UNICEF² (I)</p>	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2022–2025 (I)</p> <p>UNICEF programme cooperation:</p> <p>Country programme documents (D)</p> <p>Extensions of ongoing country programmes (D)</p> <p>Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (D)</p> <p>Update on organizational culture and diversity (D)</p> <p>Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system (D)</p>	

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters	Evaluation, audit and oversight matters	Evaluation, audit and oversight matters
<p>Evaluation reports and management responses <i>(D)</i></p> <p>Update on the development of an overarching system for enterprise risk management <i>(D)</i></p>	<p>Annual report for 2023 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response <i>(D)</i></p> <p>Evaluation report and management response <i>(D)</i></p> <p>Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2023, and management response <i>(D)</i></p> <p>UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2023 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response <i>(D)</i></p> <p>UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2023 annual report <i>(I)</i></p> <p>Assessment of how the Executive Board executes its governance and oversight functions <i>(I)</i></p>	

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<p>Resource, financial and budgetary matters</p> <p>UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response <i>(D)</i></p>	<p>Resource, financial and budgetary matters</p> <p>Midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2022–2025 <i>(D)</i></p> <p>Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2023 <i>(D)</i></p>	<p>Resource, financial and budgetary matters</p> <p>UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2024–2027 <i>(D)</i></p> <p>Joint comprehensive review of the cost-recovery policy and its implementation <i>(D)</i></p>
<p>Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2024 workplan and proposed budget⁴ <i>(D)</i></p>		
<p>Other matters</p> <p>Report of the joint field visit to Senegal by members of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, WFP and UN-Women⁵ <i>(I)</i></p> <p>Provisional list of agenda items for the annual session of 2024 <i>(I)</i></p>	<p>Other matters</p> <p>Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association</p> <p>Provisional list of agenda items for the second regular session of 2024 <i>(I)</i></p>	<p>Other matters</p> <p>Reports of the field visit (2024) of the Executive Board of UNICEF and the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP <i>(I)</i></p> <p>Provisional list of agenda items for the first regular session of 2025 <i>(I)</i></p>

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Meetings of the UNICEF Executive Board

6–8 Feb 2024	CR-1 CB	<p>First regular session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session documents • Information for participants
25 Jan 2024 8:30–10 a.m.	Virtual room (Zoom)	Closed briefing with the Director of the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations
22 Jan 2024 3–5 p.m.	Virtual room (Zoom)	<p>Informal briefings on:</p> <p>(a) Evaluation of UNICEF social protection responses towards universal child benefits, and management response; and</p> <p>(b) Evaluation of phase II (2020–2023) of the UNICEF-UNFPA Global Programme to End Child Marriage, and management response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant's guide to virtual meetings
22 Jan 2024 11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Virtual room (Zoom)	<p>Informal briefings on:</p> <p>(a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2024 workplan and proposed budget, and update on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising;</p> <p>(b) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements</p>



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