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Provisional annotated agenda

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

For decision ([E/ICEF/2020/6](#))

The provisional agenda has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board on the basis of the programme of work adopted by the Board at its second regular session of 2019. The Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

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.

Programme and policy matters

3. Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 and annual report for 2019 of the Executive Director of UNICEF

For decision ([E/ICEF/2020/8](#) and [Add.1](#))

The combined report takes stock of progress made against the targets of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 at the midpoint of its implementation, with the aim of highlighting ongoing gaps and lessons learned and determining necessary course corrections. The report is accompanied by the following documents: (a) proposed revised results framework for the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021; (b) report on the implementation of the integrated results and resources framework of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021; (c) report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system; (d) report on the implementation of the common chapter of the Strategic Plans, 2018–2021 of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, UNICEF and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women); (e) lessons learned; and (f) a data companion and scorecard.

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UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit

For information ([E/ICEF/2020/9](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2001/4, the report summarizes the UNICEF response to recommendations that are relevant to the organization contained in reports and notes issued from January through December 2019.

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4. UNICEF response to the COVID-19 pandemic

For information

The Executive Board will hear an update on the UNICEF response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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5. Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/10)

The report provides an update on UNICEF humanitarian action in 2019.

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6. Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2018–2021

For information (E/ICEF/2020/11)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/8, the report provides an update on programmatic and institutional results, including financial resources and expenditures, based on the results matrix, indicators and performance benchmarks of the Gender Action Plan. The report is accompanied by a data companion and scorecard.

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7. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The country programme documents listed below are presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. The country programme documents, costed evaluation plans and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework results matrices are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Eastern and Southern Africa

Ethiopia ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.7](#))

South Africa ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.8](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes*For decision (E/ICEF/2020/P/L.9)*

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Algeria and the first two-month extension of the country programme for Côte d'Ivoire; and (ii) will be requested to approve a three-month extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, following two previous one-year extensions and one nine-month extension.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters**8. Evaluation reports and management responses****Annual report for 2019 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response***For decision (E/ICEF/2020/12; E/ICEF/2020/13)*

The annual report is prepared in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/4, which requested UNICEF to report annually to the Board on the evaluation function and on the findings and recommendations of evaluations. The report provides information on global developments in evaluation and the current state of the evaluation function in UNICEF, and outlines progress made in response to requests contained in Board decisions. The report is accompanied by a management response.

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Evaluation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, and management response*For decision (E/ICEF/2020/14; E/ICEF/2020/15)*

The evaluation examined the quality, implementation and results of the two successive UNICEF Gender Action Plans during the period 2014–2019. The evaluation report presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation, including the recommendation for a more assertive and comprehensive approach to gender equality in UNICEF through a firmer corporate framework, robust accountabilities and strong leadership, focusing on the organization's ambitions to be at the forefront of gender work. The Executive Board will be presented with a summary of the evaluation report and a management response. The full evaluation report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

9. Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2018–2021

For decision ([E/ICEF/2020/AB/L.5](#))

The report on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2018–2021 has been prepared in conjunction with the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021. The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2018–2021 ([E/ICEF/2020/AB/L.6](#)) is available to the Executive Board for information. The report will be accompanied by the annex to the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 and integrated budget, 2018–2021: Establishment of a revolving Working Capital Fund.

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10. 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

For information

In its decision 2018/15, the Executive Board requested UNICEF to continue its engagement with the Board on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) and to provide regular updates on that work.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

11. Update on the targets and corresponding efforts of UNICEF to make its global operations more environmentally sustainable

For information

The Executive Board will be presented with an update on UNICEF efforts towards the environmental sustainability of its operations.

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12. Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

The Chairperson of the Global Staff Association addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

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13. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its second regular session of 2020 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

14. Adoption of draft decisions**15. UNICEF Staff Team Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board**

Following the announcement of the 2020 Staff Team Awards, the Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2020 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board¹

Monday 29 June	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 1	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
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		Item 4	UNICEF response to the COVID-19 pandemic
		Item 10	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
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 6	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2018–2021
<i>Informal consultations</i>			
Tuesday 30 June	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 3	Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 and annual report for 2019 of the Executive Director of UNICEF
			UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit
		Item 9	Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2018–2021
		Item 11	Update on the targets and corresponding efforts of UNICEF to make its global operations more environmentally sustainable
	<i>Informal consultations</i>		
Wednesday 1 July	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 7	UNICEF programme cooperation
			(a) Country programme documents
			(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 8	Evaluation reports and management responses
			Annual report for 2019 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response
			Evaluation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, and management response
<i>Informal consultations</i>			
Thursday 2 July	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 5	Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 12	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association
		Item 13	Other matters

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

Item 14 Adoption of draft decisions

Item 15 UNICEF Staff Team Awards and closing statements by the Executive
Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board
