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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/2020/17)

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 2019. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that 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, including an update by the Executive Director on the work and contribution of UNICEF to the system-wide effort at the global, regional and country levels to address the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on children and on its operations and programmatic activities, in accordance with its decision 2020/8.

Organizational and procedural matters

3. Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2021

For information (E/ICEF/2020/18)

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 for information. The programme of work serves as a framework for setting the agendas for the 2021 Executive Board sessions, subject to decisions by the Board and any modifications introduced in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board.

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4. Working methods

For decision

As requested in its decision 2020/1, the Executive Board will be presented with the joint response of the Executive Board secretariats of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services; UNICEF; and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) entitled “Working methods of the Executive Boards: proposed workplans for 2021”.

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Programme and policy matters

5. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The 11 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. The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework results matrices are also available on the website, where applicable. The 11 country programme documents are presented by region:

East Asia and the Pacific

China ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.10](#))

Indonesia ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.11](#))

Timor-Leste ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.12](#))

Eastern and Southern Africa

Uganda ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.14](#))

Europe and Central Asia

Belarus ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.15](#))

Bosnia and Herzegovina ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.16](#))

Kazakhstan ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.17](#))

Serbia, and Kosovo (under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)) ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.18](#) and [E/ICEF/2020/P/L.18/Add.1](#))

Turkey ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.19](#))

Turkmenistan ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.20](#))

Latin America and Caribbean

Colombia ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.13](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision ([E/ICEF/2020/P/L.21](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the first two-month extensions of the country programmes for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Eswatini, Georgia, Malaysia, North Macedonia, Panama, Somalia and Uzbekistan; the five-month extension of the country programme for Argentina, following a previous two-month extension; and the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bangladesh, Cameroon, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Maldives, Mozambique and Oman; and (ii) requested to approve the two-month extension of the country programme for Tunisia, following a one-year extension; the two-month extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, following two consecutive one-year extensions, a nine-month extension and a three-month extension; the six-month extension of the country

programme for Madagascar, following a one-year extension; the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, both following previous one-year extensions; the two-year extension of the country programme for Burkina Faso; and the two-year extension of the country programme for Yemen, following two consecutive one-year extensions, a two-year extension and a one-year extension.

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6. Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/21)

The structured dialogue is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with several decisions of the Board, the most recent being 2019/23, 2020/8 and 2020/13.

UNICEF focal point:

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7. Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action

For information

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

UNICEF focal point:

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8. Oral update on UNICEF research activities and priorities in this regard

For information

The oral update will present the case for why research on children and young people is needed more than ever in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic. The update will examine successes and challenges as well as priorities for research supported by UNICEF and lay out the investments required to strengthen the research function and translate its findings into transformative action and programmes.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

9. Evaluation of the UNICEF contribution to education in humanitarian situations, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/19; E/ICEF/2020/20)

The report presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation of the UNICEF contribution to education in humanitarian situations. The Executive Board will be presented with an executive summary of the evaluation report and a

management response. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

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10. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2019, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/22; E/ICEF/2020/23)

The report of the activities of the Ethics Office and a management response are presented to the Executive Board in accordance with its decisions 2010/18 and 2018/11.

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11. Internal Audit and Investigations

Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2019 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/AB/L.3; E/ICEF/2020/AB/L.3/Add.1; and E/ICEF/2020/AB/L.4)

The report, prepared annually in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/28, provides an overview of the Office, describes the key issues highlighted by its internal audit and investigations work, summarizes the organizational follow-up to the implementation of audit recommendations and provides information on the disclosure of internal audit reports during 2019. The report is accompanied by an addendum detailing the investigations closed in 2019, as well as a management response.

UNICEF focal point for the report:

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UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2019 annual report to the Executive Board

For information

The annual report of this independent external oversight body is presented to the Executive Board for information.

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12. Update on the implementation of the recommendations made in the independent panel review of the UNICEF response to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse; the Morgan Lewis report on sexual harassment investigations conducted by the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations; and the report of the Independent Task Force on Workplace Gender-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Abuse of Authority

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/24)

The update will address the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the reports.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

13. UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2020–2023

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/AB/L.7)

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 2021. The document includes information requested in decisions 2019/26 and 2020/13.

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14. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2019

For decision (E/ICEF/2020/AB/L.8)

The report is presented annually to the Executive Board for review and comment, in accordance with annex I to General Assembly resolution [48/162](#) of 20 December 1993.

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15. Joint comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy

For decision (DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1)

The joint comprehensive proposal of UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on the cost-recovery policy is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with its decision 2018/21.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

16. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its first regular session of 2021 and may consider any other matters under this agenda item.

17. Adoption of draft decisions

18. 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.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2020 second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board, 8–11 September 2020¹

Tuesday 8 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	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 debate
		Item 6	Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021
		Item 14	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2019
	p.m. 3:00–6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday 9 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 7	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 9	Evaluation of the UNICEF contribution to education in humanitarian situations, and management response
		Item 8	Oral update on UNICEF research activities and priorities in this regard
	p.m. 3:00–6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Thursday 10 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 5	UNICEF programme cooperation
			(a) Country programme documents
			(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 13	UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2020–2023
		Item 15	Joint comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy
	p.m. 3:00–6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Friday 11 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 12	Update on the implementation of the recommendations made in the independent panel review of the UNICEF response to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse; the Morgan Lewis report on sexual harassment investigations conducted by the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations; and the report of the Independent Task Force on Workplace Gender-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Abuse of Authority
		Item 10	Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2019, and management response

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.

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p.m.
1:15–2:45

Informal consultations

p.m.
3:00–5:00

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