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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

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

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2015

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 Executive Board in its decision 1992/7 ([E/ICEF/1992/14](#)), the President for 2015 will be nominated from among the Asian States that are members of the Executive Board. The election will take place on 13 January 2015.

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

For decision [E/ICEF/2015/1]

The provisional agenda has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board based on the programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at the 2014 second regular session and on the recommendations of the Bureau. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

4. Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings

For information [E/ICEF/2015/CRP.3]

The Executive Board will hear an oral report on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the 33rd and 34th UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held in December 2013 and July 2014, respectively. A brief background document is available to the members of the Executive Board.

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5. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The two 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. Costed evaluation plans for each country programme are posted to the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are available through the UNICEF Executive Board website, where applicable.

The two country programme documents for this session will be presented by region:

Eastern and Southern Africa
Madagascar [E/ICEF/2015/P/L.1]

West and Central Africa
Mali [E/ICEF/2015/P/L.2]

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision [E/ICEF/2015/P/L.3]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and of a six-month extension of the country programme for Ethiopia, and (ii) requested to approve the two-year extensions of the country programmes for Myanmar and Papua New Guinea.

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6. UNICEF work with countries transitioning from middle- to high-income status

For decision [E/ICEF/2015/P/L.6]

The Executive Board will be presented with a proposal related to UNICEF programming arrangements in the countries that have recently transitioned to high-income status beyond the two-year transition period already anticipated in Executive Board policy. The document will propose a general framework to guide the development of relevant country programme documents for the balance of 2015 and beyond.

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7. Update on UNICEF humanitarian action and proposal for an increase in the ceiling of the Emergency Programme Fund

Update on strengthening humanitarian action

For information [E/ICEF/2015/CRP.4]

**Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises:
 Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling**

For decision [E/ICEF/2015/P/L.4]

The Executive Board will be updated on the unprecedented humanitarian crises children faced in 2014 and the steps that have been taken to further enhance UNICEF role as a predictable and efficient humanitarian partner through the Strengthening Humanitarian Action initiative. The Executive Board will be briefed on the trends in humanitarian funding for UNICEF, and the centrality of the Emergency Programme Fund in initiating an immediate response to crises. A proposal to raise the EPF ceiling will be presented to the Executive Board as a crucial requirement for improving the organization's capacity to respond effectively and in a timely manner to the increasing humanitarian needs of children and their families.

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8. Extension and expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its revolving fund

For decision [E/ICEF/2015/P/L.5]

A proposal to extend the Vaccine Independence Initiative for a period of five years and to amend the authorized capitalization of the underlying revolving fund, subject to the availability of specific-purpose contributions, will be presented to the Executive Board for a decision. The proposal also includes a request for the expanded revolving fund to be made available to similarly pre-finance other commodities, including health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and education supplies and to support contracting arrangements that result in a secure supply or reduced prices of vaccines and other commodities.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

9. Evaluation reports and management responses

(a) Real-time evaluation of UNICEF response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

For information

This real-time evaluation provides an assessment of the first four months of the UNICEF response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Its purpose is to draw conclusions and make recommendations for the ongoing response, and to identify wider lessons for UNICEF with regard to future large-scale emergency responses.

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(b) Evaluation of UNICEF upstream work in basic education and gender equality 2003-2012

For information

The evaluation examined the UNICEF contribution in “upstream” work in basic education and gender equality 2003-2012, assessing the extent to which UNICEF engages strategically in education sector policy articulation and advocacy at the global and regional levels. Four country case studies were conducted to determine how far upstream engagement contributes to desired transformations in education sector policy and practice and to national systemic strengthening in programme countries. Lessons were drawn for future engagement by UNICEF in upstream work.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

10. UNICEF Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 and Report of the Board of Auditors

For information [A/69/5/Add.3]

The UNICEF Financial report and audited financial statements and Report of the Board of Auditors are presented to the Executive Board annually as of 2014. Previously, they were presented every two years. They are presented at the first regular session so that the Executive Board may take into account any comments made by the Fifth Committee on the report during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly.¹ In addition, the following two related reports are available to the Executive Board for information: (a) Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the financial period ended 31 December 2013 — Report of the Secretary-General ([A/69/353/Add.1](#)); and (b) Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2013 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/69/386](#)).

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11. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2015 workplan and proposed budget

For decision [E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.1]

This report is presented annually to the Executive Board for review and comment.

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12. Pledging event

As part of the UNICEF resource mobilization strategy (Executive Board decision 1999/8), during the pledging event, which is held during the first regular session each year, Governments that are in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular (core) resources for 2015, together with firm or indicative commitments of their contributions for future years.

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¹ The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the report on 21 October 2014.

Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

13. Other matters

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issue 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

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 2015
first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board
3-5 February 2015²**

Wednesday 13 January	a.m.	Item 2	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2015
Tuesday 3 February	a.m. 10:00- 11:00	Item 1	Opening of the session: Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF
		Item 3	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
	a.m. 11:00- 1:00	Item 6	UNICEF work with countries transitioning from middle- to high-income status
		Item 7	Update on UNICEF humanitarian action and proposal for an increase in the ceiling of the Emergency Programme Fund (a) Update on strengthening humanitarian action (b) Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling
	p.m. 3:00- 5:00	Item 7 (cont'd)	Update on UNICEF humanitarian action and proposal for an increase in the ceiling of the Emergency Programme Fund (cont'd)
		Item 11	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2015 workplan and proposed budget
Wednesday 4 February	a.m. 10:00- 1:00	Item 10	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 and Report of the Board of Auditors
		Item 5	UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 8	Extension and expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its revolving fund
	p.m. 3:00- 5:00	Item 9	Evaluation reports and management responses (a) Real-time evaluation of the UNICEF response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

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.

			(b) Evaluation of UNICEF upstream work in basic education and gender equality 2003-2012
		Item 4	Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
Thursday 5 February	a.m. 10:00- 1:00	Item 12 Item 13	Pledging event Other matters
Thursday 5 February	p.m. 3:00- 4:00	Item 14 Item 15	Adoption of draft decisions Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board