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

For decision ([E/ICEF/2019/21](#))

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 2018. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that it considers necessary.

3. Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2020

For decision ([E/ICEF/2019/22](#))

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 approval. Once adopted, it serves as a framework for setting the agendas for the 2020 Executive Board sessions, subject to decisions by the Board and modifications introduced in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board.

UNICEF focal point:

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4. Working methods

For decision

The Executive Board will hear an update on the implementation of requests made in its decision 2019/9.

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Programme and policy matters

5. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The six 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 Development Assistance Framework results matrices are also available on the website, where applicable. The six country programme documents are presented by region:

Eastern and Southern Africa

Angola ([E/ICEF/2019/P/L.5](#))

Latin America and Caribbean

Mexico ([E/ICEF/2019/P/L.6](#))

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq ([E/ICEF/2019/P/L.7](#))

West and Central Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo ([E/ICEF/2019/P/L.8](#))

Liberia ([E/ICEF/2019/P/L.9](#))

Sierra Leone ([E/ICEF/2019/P/L.10](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision ([E/ICEF/2019/P/L.11](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the two-month extension of the country programme for Paraguay, and the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Guatemala, Madagascar and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; and (ii) requested to approve a two-month extension of the country programme for Cuba, following a previous one-year extension; and a nine-month extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, following two previous one-year extensions.

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

For decision ([E/ICEF/2019/27](#))

The structured dialogue is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with several decisions of the Board, the most recent being 2018/15.

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.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

8. Evaluation report and management response

Strengthening child protection systems: evaluation of UNICEF strategies and programme performance, and management response

For decision ([E/ICEF/2019/23](#); [E/ICEF/2019/24](#))

The report presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation of UNICEF strategies and programme performance in child protection systems-strengthening at the country, regional and global levels. 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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9. Report of the Independent Task Force on Workplace Gender-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Abuse of Authority, and management response

For decision ([E/ICEF/2019/25](#); [E/ICEF/2019/26](#))

The report of the Independent Task Force on Workplace Gender-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Abuse of Authority was commissioned by UNICEF to assess patterns of workplace gender-related discrimination, harassment and abuse of authority in UNICEF; consider best practices from within the United Nations and other institutions in addressing similar issues; and provide actionable recommendations to UNICEF.

UNICEF focal point for the management response:
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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

10. UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2019–2022

For decision ([E/ICEF/2019/AB/L.5](#))

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 2020. The document includes an update on the progress of funding UNICEF reserves for staff liabilities, as requested by the Board in its decision 2018/19.

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11. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2018

For decision (E/ICEF/2019/AB/L.6)

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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12. Cost recovery: joint review of the existing cost definitions and classifications of activities and associated costs

For decision (DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2019/1)

The joint report of UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on cost recovery is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with its decision 2018/21 in which the Executive Boards requested UNICEF, together with UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women, to jointly review existing cost definitions and classifications of activities and associated costs.

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13. 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 decision

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

14. Report of the field visit to Turkey of the UNICEF Executive Board, 2 to 9 March 2019, and report of the joint field visit to Colombia by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 11 to 18 May 2019

For information (UNICEF/2019/EB/8; DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF-UNW-WFP/2019/CRP.1)

Presented for information are the report of the field visit of the Executive Board of UNICEF to Turkey, from 2 to 9 March 2019, and the report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Colombia, from 11 to 18 May 2019. The reports are 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](#)).

15. Update on the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021

For information

The Board will receive an update on the terms of reference, timeline and road map for the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021.

UNICEF focal point:

Director, Division of Analysis, Planning and Monitoring

16. Other matters

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

17. Provisional list of agenda items for the first regular session of 2020

For information

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for the first regular session of 2020.

18. Adoption of draft decisions

19. 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 2019 second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board 11–13 September 2019¹

Wednesday 11 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 1	Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF
		Item 2	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
		Item 7	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 4	Working methods
	1:15–2:45	<i>Informal consultations</i>	
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 13	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
		Item 6	Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021
	5:00–6:00	<i>Informal consultations</i>	
Thursday 12 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 9	Report of the Independent Task Force on Workplace Gender-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Abuse of Authority, and management response
		Item 5	UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
	1:15–2:45	<i>Informal consultations</i>	
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 8	Evaluation report and management response
		Item 11	Strengthening child protection systems: evaluation of UNICEF strategies and programme performance, and management response
		Item 11	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2018
		Item 10	UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2019–2022
	5:00–6:00	<i>Informal consultations</i>	
Friday 13 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Special focus session on business for results	
		Item 12	Cost recovery: joint review of the existing cost definitions and classifications of activities and associated costs
	1:15–2:45	<i>Informal consultations</i>	

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 adjusted accordingly.

p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 15	Update on the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021
	Item 14	Report of the field visit to Turkey of the UNICEF Executive Board, 2 to 9 March 2019, and report of the joint field visit to Colombia by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 11 to 18 May 2019
	Item 3	Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2020
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