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Provisional annotated agenda

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

For decision ([E/ICEF/2022/9](#))

The provisional agenda has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board on the basis of the programme of work presented to the Board at its second regular session of 2021. 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. Annual report for 2021 of the Executive Director of UNICEF

For decision ([E/ICEF/2022/10](#))

The report covers 2021, the last year of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021. It takes stock of progress towards the aims of the Strategic Plan, presenting and analysing progress against key indicators. The report includes analysis of key programmatic and organizational adaptations made in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Included with the report are the following documents: (a) report on the implementation of the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021; (b) report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system; (c) “Working together to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: joint annex on the common chapter of the strategic plans, 2018–2021 of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women”; and (d) a data companion and scorecard. The report will also inform the Executive Board of the number of senior-level positions that were established on an as-needed basis in 2021.

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Update of the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025

For information ([E/ICEF/2022/11](#))

The document has been updated to provide the baselines, milestones and targets for the indicators included in the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 endorsed as part of the Strategic Plan at the second regular session of 2021.

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UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit

For information ([E/ICEF/2022/12](#))

The report summarizes the UNICEF response to recommendations addressed to the organization contained in reports and notes issued by the Joint Inspection Unit from January through December 2021.

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4. UNICEF humanitarian action

(a) Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action

For decision ([E/ICEF/2022/13](#))

The annual report presents an overview of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises in 2021, globally, regionally and at the country level, outlining key challenges met and lessons learned in humanitarian action. The report further elaborates on ways in which the organization has acted on these lessons and the way forward in the new Strategic Plan period, 2022–2025.

UNICEF focal point:

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(b) Update on the progress achieved through the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership

For information ([E/ICEF/2022/21](#))

The update will provide an overview of the work of the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership in supporting the acceleration of the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines at country level, outlining trends, challenges and solutions identified. The partnership was established by UNICEF and the World Health Organization in consultation with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

UNICEF focal point:

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

For information ([E/ICEF/2022/14](#))

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 also includes information on the organization's efforts to strengthen its gender-related expertise at the country level, in line with Executive Board decision 2020/12. The report is accompanied by a data companion and scorecard.

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6. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The 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. The country programme documents and costed evaluation plans are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website, as is a link to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks on the United Nations Sustainable Development Group website.

Eastern and Southern Africa

Kenya ([E/ICEF/2022/P/L.16](#))

United Republic of Tanzania ([E/ICEF/2022/P/L.17](#))

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic ([E/ICEF/2022/P/L.18](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision ([E/ICEF/2022/P/L.19](#))

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

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

7. Evaluation reports and management responses

Annual report for 2021 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response

For decision ([E/ICEF/2022/17](#), [E/ICEF/2022/18](#))

The annual report is prepared in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/4, which requested that UNICEF report annually on the evaluation function and on the findings and recommendations of evaluations completed each year. The report outlines the challenging operational context encountered by UNICEF in 2021 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the adaptations undertaken to continue to meet the learning and accountability needs of the organization and its stakeholders. It presents an overview of the performance of the evaluation function in 2021, as well as an analysis of achievements and lessons learned throughout the 2018–2021

quadrennium. The report also outlines progress in response to requests made in decisions of the Board. The report is accompanied by a management response.

UNICEF focal point for the annual report:

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UNICEF focal point for the management response:

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Evaluation of the UNICEF role as cluster lead/co-lead agency, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2022/19, E/ICEF/2022/20)

The evaluation explored the role of UNICEF as cluster lead/co-lead agency in humanitarian action, and the opportunities and challenges faced in carrying out its responsibilities. The evaluation also assessed the progress made since the last cluster lead agency evaluation was undertaken seven years ago, with the aim of informing the future direction of the role of UNICEF. The report is accompanied by a management response.

UNICEF focal point for the evaluation report:

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UNICEF focal point for the management response:

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8. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2021, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2022/15, E/ICEF/2022/16)

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

UNICEF focal point for the report:

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UNICEF focal point for the management response:

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9. Internal audit and investigations

UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2021 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2022/AB/L.5, E/ICEF/2022/AB/L.5/Add.1, E/ICEF/2022/AB/L.6)

The report, prepared annually in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/28, provides an overview of the Office, describes key issues highlighted by its internal audit and investigations work, summarizes the organizational follow-up to the

implementation of recommendations and provides information on the disclosure of internal audit reports during 2021. The report is accompanied by an addendum detailing the investigations closed in 2021, as well as a management response.

UNICEF focal point for the report:

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UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2021 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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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

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 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.

UNICEF focal point:

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11. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2021

For decision (E/ICEF/2022/AB/L.4)

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

UNICEF focal point:

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12. Use of financing instruments, including private sector fundraising, to enhance UNICEF operations for sustainable outcomes for children

(a) Update on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising

For information (UNICEF/2022/EB/10)

The update provides information on the strategic approach to alternative/innovative finance and on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising.

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(b) Note requesting authorization from the United Nations Economic and Social Council/General Assembly for UNICEF to utilize financing instruments in support of its operations

For decision (E/ICEF/2022/AB/L.7)

The document requests the Executive Board, having considered the UNICEF rationale for the ongoing use of the financing instruments outlined in the document to enhance funding from the private sector for the delivery of the child-centred Sustainable Development Goals, to recommend to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to grant an authority to the Executive Board to oversee the use of such financing instruments by UNICEF on an ongoing basis for private sector fundraising and to support its operations in line with risk management parameters to be established by the Board.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

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

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

UNICEF focal point:

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14. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its second regular session of 2022 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

15. Adoption of draft decisions

16. 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 2022 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 2022 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board¹

Tuesday 14 June	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
		Item 3	Annual report for 2021 of the Executive Director of UNICEF Update of the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit <i>General statements</i>
	p.m. 1:15– 2:45		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	p.m. 3:00– 5:00	Item 7	<i>General statements (cont'd)</i> Evaluation reports and management responses Annual report for 2021 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response Evaluation of the UNICEF role as cluster lead/co-lead agency, and management response
	p.m. 5:00– 6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday 15 June	a.m. 10:00– 1:00	Item 11	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2021
		Item 12	Use of financing instruments, including private sector fundraising, to enhance UNICEF operations for sustainable outcomes for children (a) Update on the World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising (b) Note requesting authorization from the United Nations Economic and Social Council/General Assembly for UNICEF to utilize financing instruments in support of its operations
		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

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. 1:15– 2:45		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	p.m. 3:00– 5:00	Item 4	UNICEF humanitarian action (a) Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action (b) Update on the progress achieved through the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership
		Item 9	Internal Audit and Investigations UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2021 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2021 annual report to the Executive Board
	p.m. 5:00– 6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Thursday 16 June	a.m. 10:00– 1:00	Item 6	UNICEF programme cooperation (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 8	Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2021, and management response
	p.m. 1:15– 6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Friday 17 June	a.m. 10:00– 1:00	Item 5	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2018–2021
		Item 13	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association
		Item 14	Other matters
		Item 15	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 16	UNICEF Staff Team Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board