



# Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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## First regular session 2020

14 February 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

### Organizational matters

## Annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session, 14 February 2020

### Note by the Executive Board secretariat

#### Provisional agenda

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#### Annotations

##### Item 1

##### Organizational matters

In accordance with the Executive Board 2014/5 on Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UN-Women, the Board elects a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents at the first meeting of its first regular session.

The Executive Board will adopt the agenda and workplan for its first regular session 2020, the annual workplan for 2020 and agree on the agenda and workplan for the annual session 2020. The Executive Board may also adopt the report on its second regular session 2019, held from 9 to 10 September 2019.



*Documentation*

Annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session 2020 ([UNW/2020/L.1](#))

Annual workplan for 2020 ([UNW/2020/L.2](#))

Proposed provisional agenda and workplan for the annual session 2020 ([UNW/2020/CRP.1](#))

Report on the second regular session 2019, 9 and 10 September 2019 ([UNW/2019/9](#))

Compendium of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its 2019 sessions ([UNW/2019/10](#))

**Item 2**

**Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#)**

UN-Women is committed to engaging with the Executive Board on providing regular updates on the status of implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) on the repositioning of the United Nations development system.

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Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#)

**Item 3**

**Update on the working methods of the Executive Boards**

In its decision 2019/8, the Executive Board requests the Bureau, assisted by the secretariat, to consult with the Bureaux of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and WFP, to coordinate for the selection of joint field visit destinations and to propose harmonized criteria for individual field visits, for evaluation by the Board at the first regular session 2020.

In its decision 2019/13, the Executive Board requests that the secretariat of the Executive Board of UN-Women, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and WFP, present at the first regular session 2020 an annual programme of work, including informal briefings, for each of the three options for the revised Executive Board working methods presented in the joint response, with corresponding explanatory narratives on the envisaged changes and their expected effect on Board oversight, effectiveness and efficiency, as well as further elaboration on the listed issues of joint relevance and interest to all Boards.

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Joint response of the Executive Board secretariats of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

**Item 4**

**Audit matters**

The UN-Women financial report and audited financial statements and report of the Board of Auditors are presented to the Executive Board annually, with the presentation taking place at the first regular session so that the Board can take into account any comments on the report made by the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly.

In addition, the following related reports are available to the Executive Board: (a) Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2018 and (b) Updated status of UN-Women management actions to address outstanding audit recommendations.

*Documentation*

Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 ([A/74/5/Add.12](#))

Report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 ([A/74/5/Add.12](#))

Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2018 ([A/74/323/Add.1](#))

Updated status of UN-Women management actions to address outstanding audit recommendations

**Item 5**

**Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

In accordance with decision 2018/6, UN-Women, together with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, will present a preliminary comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy for consideration by the Executive Board at its first regular session in 2020, with a view to present a final comprehensive proposal for decision of the Executive Board at its second regular session in 2020.

In decision 2019/12, the Executive Board takes note of recommendation 3, which proposes the creation of separate cost-classification line items in the integrated resources plan, to report on and obtain separate appropriations for independent oversight and assurance activities, as well as resident coordinator cost-sharing contributions, and welcomes additional information on this at the first regular session 2020, to enable further analysis prior to potential adoption of this recommendation.

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Joint preliminary comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy

**Item 6**

**Structured dialogue on financing**

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of decision 2019/11, the Executive Board will consider options on improving the quality of the structured dialogue on financing at its first regular session of 2020.

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Options on improving the quality of the structured dialogue on financing

**Item 7**

**Policy and programme matters**

The Executive Board will receive several briefings on policy and programme matters, including an update on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan 2018–2021, a briefing on UN-Women’s operational response at the regional level, and a briefing on Mobilizing the Generation Equality Forum.

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Update on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan 2018–2021

Briefing on the operational response at the regional level

Mobilizing for the Generation Equality Forum

**Item 8**

**Other matters**

The Executive Board will discuss and take action on any other issue that may arise.

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No advance documentation is expected.

## Workplan

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Friday, 14 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.		Opening of the session
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women</li> </ul>
		1	Organizational matters
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session 2020</li> <li>• Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2019</li> </ul>
		2	Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">72/279</a>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">72/279</a></li> </ul>
		7	Policy and programme matters
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan 2018–2021</li> <li>• Briefing on the operational response at the regional level</li> <li>• Mobilizing for the Generation Equality Forum</li> </ul>
		3	Update on the working methods of the Executive Boards
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint response of the Executive Board secretariats of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP</li> </ul>
	1:15 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions, if any</i>
	3 p.m.–6 p.m.	4	Audit matters
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018</li> <li>• Report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018</li> <li>• Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2018</li> <li>• Updated status of UN-Women management actions to address outstanding audit recommendations</li> </ul>
		5	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint preliminary comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy</li> </ul>

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
		6	Structured dialogue on financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Options on improving the quality of the structured dialogue on financing</li></ul>
		8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Other matters</li></ul>
		1	Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of the provisional agenda and workplan for the annual session 2020</li><li>• Adoption of the annual workplan 2020</li></ul> Closing of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women</li></ul>

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