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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/2021/1/Rev.1](#))

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the proposed programme of work presented to the Board at its second regular session of 2020. The 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.

Organizational and procedural matters

3. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board ([E/ICEF/2021/2](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNICEF, the Board elected 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 Board in its decision 1992/7, the President for 2021 was nominated from among the Eastern European States that are members of the Board. The election was held on 12 January 2021.

Programme and policy matters

4. Updated road map to the development of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, including consultations and briefings

For information ([UNICEF/2021/EB/4](#))

The updated road map presents a revised timeline for the development of the new Strategic Plan and for related key stages in the consultation process in 2021. It includes an outline of key design principles that are informing the development of the Strategic Plan as well as a draft outline of the Plan's emerging structure.

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5. 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. Costed evaluation plans are posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents. The website also includes a link to the United Nations Sustainable Development Group website, where the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks have been made available.

East Asia and the Pacific

China ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.1](#))

Eastern and Southern Africa

Eswatini ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.2](#))

Somalia ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.3](#))

Europe and Central Asia

Azerbaijan ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.5](#))

Georgia ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.6](#))

North Macedonia ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.7](#))

Uzbekistan ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.8](#))

Latin America and Caribbean

Panama ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.9](#))

Uruguay ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.10](#))

Middle East and North Africa

Tunisia ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.11](#))

West and Central Africa

Côte d'Ivoire ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.12](#))

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision ([E/ICEF/2021/P/L.13/Rev.1](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the four-month extension of the country programmes for Armenia and Malaysia, following a two-month extension; and the first one-year extension of the country programmes for Croatia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia and the United Republic of Tanzania; and (ii) requested to approve the four-month extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, following two consecutive one-year extensions, a nine-month extension, a three-month extension and a two-month extension; and the one-year extension of the country programme for Tajikistan, following a one-year extension.

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

For information (UNICEF/2021/EB/2)

The Executive Board will hear an oral report on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the forty-fifth and forty-sixth United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held from 10 to 12 December 2019 and 23 to 25 June 2020, respectively.

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7. UNICEF response to COVID-19

(a) Update on UNICEF humanitarian action: the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic

For information (UNICEF/2021/EB/3)

(b) Overview of the strategic repositioning of the UNICEF response and the way forward

For information

The Executive Board will hear updates on the UNICEF response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in the context of (a) humanitarian action in UNICEF and (b) the strategic repositioning of the UNICEF programme response. The updates will focus on the impact of the pandemic on children, the UNICEF response, lessons learned and the way forward. Also considered will be the implications for the organization overall, including its financial situation, working modalities and human resources, looking at both challenges and opportunities.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

8. Evaluation reports and management responses

Evaluation of UNICEF work for children in urban settings, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2021/3, E/ICEF/2021/4)

The evaluation report presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation of UNICEF work for children in urban settings. The Executive Board will be presented with a summary of the evaluation report and a management response. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

UNICEF focal point for the evaluation report:
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Evaluation of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, and management response

For decision (E/ICEF/2021/5, E/ICEF/2021/6)

The evaluation report presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021. The Executive Board will be

presented with a summary of the evaluation report and a management response. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

UNICEF focal point for the evaluation report:

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

9. Oral 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 information

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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10. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response

For decision (A/75/5/Add.3); for information (E/ICEF/2021/AB/L.2)

The UNICEF 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.¹ In addition, the following related reports are available to the Executive Board for information: (a) report of the Secretary-General on the 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 2019 ([A/75/339/Add.1](#)) and (b) financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2019: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/75/539](#)).

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¹ The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the report on 9 November 2020.

11. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2021 workplan and proposed budget

For decision (E/ICEF/2021/AB/L.1)

The Dynamo Revolving Fund for investment in private sector fundraising

For information (E/ICEF/2021/AB/L.1/Add.1)

World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising

For decision (E/ICEF/2021/AB/L.1/Add.2)

The report covers the workplan and proposed budget for 2021 for private fundraising and partnership activities. It will be accompanied by addenda on (a) a revolving fund for investment in private sector fundraising; and (b) a World Bank instrument to facilitate sustained investment in private sector fundraising.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions**12. Other matters**

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

13. Adoption of draft decisions**14. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board**

**Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2021
first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board,
9–12 February 2021²**

Tuesday 12 January	a.m. 10:00– 11:30	Item 3	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board
Tuesday 9 February	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 11	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2021 workplan and proposed budget
	p.m. 2:00– 6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday 10 February	a.m. 10:00– 1:00	Item 7	UNICEF response to COVID-19 (a) Update on UNICEF humanitarian action: the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic (b) Overview of the strategic repositioning of the UNICEF response and the way forward
		Item 8	Evaluation reports and management responses Evaluation of UNICEF work for children in urban settings, and management response Evaluation of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, and management response
	p.m. 2:00– 6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Thursday 11 February	a.m. 10:00– 1:00	Item 5	UNICEF programme cooperation (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 10	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and report of the Board of Auditors, and management response

² The most updated timetable for each day's meetings will be posted on the Executive Board website and in the *Journal of the United Nations*. 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. 2:00– 6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Friday 12 February	a.m. 10:00– 1:00	Item 4	Updated road map to the development of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, including consultations and briefings
		Item 9	Oral 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	Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to the recommendations and decisions of the forty-fifth and forty-sixth Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
	p.m. 1:15– 2:45		<i>Informal consultations</i>
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 12	Other matters
		Item 13	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 14	Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board
