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Executive Board

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Decisions and recommendations of the 2021 first regular session of the Executive Board

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Decisions and recommendations

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

The Board hereby decided that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with WFP Executive Board Rule of Procedure I.4, it would hold its first regular session of 2021 by digital means from 22 to 24 February 2021.

22 February 2021

Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

22 February 2021

Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with its rules of procedure the Board elected H.E. Luis Fernando Carranza Cifuentes (Guatemala, List C) President for a one-year term. Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma (Mexico, List C) was elected Alternate.

The Board elected Dr. Bommakanti Rajender (India, List B) Vice-President. Ms KANG Hyo Joo (Republic of Korea, List B) was elected Alternate.

The Board elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists, for a oneyear term, H.E. Youssef Balla (Morocco, List A); Her Excellency Marie-Therese Sarch (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, List D); and H.E. Victor L. Vasiliev (Russian Federation, List E). Elected as Alternates were H.E. Seydou Cissé (Côte d'Ivoire, List A); Ms Jette Michelsen (Denmark, List D); and H.E. Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó (Hungary, List E).

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed H.E. Mario Arvelo Caamaño (Dominican Republic, List C) as Rapporteur for its 2021 first regular session.

22 February 2021

Current and future strategic issues

2021/EB.1/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board's comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

22 February 2021

Policy issues

2021/EB.1/2 Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)

The Board took note of the update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) (WFP/EB.1/2021/4-B).

23 February 2021

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2021/EB.1/3 Update on the bottom up strategic budgeting exercise

The Board took note of the update on the bottom up strategic budgeting exercise (WFP/EB.1/2021/5-A/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.1/2021/5(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.1/2021/5(A,B)/3).

23 February 2021

2021/EB.1/4 Update on operational requirements and funding forecast for 2021

The Board took note of the update on operational requirements and funding forecast for 2021 (WFP/EB.1/2021/5-B/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.1/2021/5(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.1/2021/5(A,B)/3).

23 February 2021

Administrative and managerial matters

2021/EB.1/5 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in the document entitled "Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP" (WFP/EB.1/2021/9-A/Rev.1) and endorsed the responses to the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations to the legislative bodies included in the annexes to the document.

23 February 2021

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2021/EB.1/6 Country strategic plan – Colombia (2021–2024)

The Board approved the Colombia country strategic plan (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.1/2021/7-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 654,322,693.

23 February 2021

Asia and the Pacific portfolio

2021/EB.1/7 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bangladesh (2017–2020) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bangladesh (2017–2020) (WFP/EB.1/2021/6-A) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2021/6-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

24 February 2021

Other business

2021/EB.1/8 Appointment of five members from the Electoral Lists of the Executive Board to the selection panel for the appointment of Audit Committee members

The Board approved the establishment of a selection panel in relation to the appointment of Audit Committee members. The Board also approved the appointment to the panel of the following members:

Mis Lamia Ben Redouane, Alternate Permanent Representative of Algeria, as representative of List A.

- Mr Bommakanti Rajender, Alternate Permanent Representative of India, as representative of List B
- Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic, as representative of List C
- Ms Elizabeth Petrovski, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as representative of List D
- Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, as representative of List E

The Board requested the selection panel to convene and to report its recommendations to the Executive Board in accordance with the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

24 February 2021

2021/EB.1/9 Extension of the term of one Audit Committee member for one year

The Board:

- noted the recommendation of the Audit Committee to extend the term of Mr Suresh Kana (South Africa) beyond his second term as an Audit Committee member for the reasons detailed in the document entitled "Extension of the term of one Audit Committee member for one year" (WFP/EB.1/2021/11-B);
- ii) further noted that paragraph 22 of the Audit Committee terms of reference places a maximum twoterm limit for Audit Committee membership; and
- iii) decided, on an exceptional basis, to approve the extension of Mr Suresh Kana's term for an additional year, from 15 November 2021 to 14 November 2022.

24 February 2021

2021/EB.1/10 Oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit

The Executive Board took note of the oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit, encouraged WFP to continue its involvement in the summit preparatory process and looked forward to a regular exchange with WFP management in the coming months leading to the summit, and particularly in the framework of the pre-summit which will take place in Rome, on the progress achieved with regard to Action Track Five for which WFP is the United Nations anchor agency.

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The Board invited WFP to collaborate with the other Rome-based agencies – FAO and IFAD – and with the other specialized agencies of the United Nations system with a view to elaborate common strategies, in particular as part of the effort to break down silos within the United Nations system.

The Board invited WFP to set up informal consultations with the membership to discuss WFP's substantial input to the pre-summit and to the summit, especially related to Action Track 5, and discuss the results of these consultations in the next session of the Executive Board in June 2021.

24 February 2021

Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2021/EB.1/11 Summary of the work of the 2020 second regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2020 second regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.2/2020/12.

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- 2. Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur
- 3. **Opening remarks by the Executive Director**

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- b) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) (*for information*)^{*}

5. **Resource, financial and budgetary matters**

- a) Update on the bottom up strategic budgeting exercise (for consideration)
- b) Update on operational requirements and funding forecast for 2021 (for consideration)

6. **Evaluation reports** (for consideration)

a) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bangladesh (2017–2020) and management response

7. **Operational matters**

- a) Country strategic plans (*for approval*)
 - 1. Colombia (2021–2024)
 - 2. Cuba (2021–2024) ITEM POSTPONED TO THE 2021 ANNUAL SESSION
- b) Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (*for information*)
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^{*} To be discussed at the session.

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8. Organizational and procedural matters

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9. Administrative and managerial matters

a) Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (*for consideration*)

10. Summary of the work of the 2020 second regular session of the Executive Board (for approval)

11. Other business

- a) Appointment of five members from the Electoral Lists of the Executive Board to the selection panel for the appointment of Audit Committee members (*for approval*)
- b) Extension of the term of one Audit Committee member for one year (for approval)
- c) Oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit (*for consideration*)
- d) Oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities *(for information)**
- e) Oral update on WFP's support to the implementation of the CFS food systems and nutrition guidelines (*for information*)^{*}

12. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

SECTION II



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Executive Board

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Decisions and recommendations of the 2021 annual session of the Executive Board

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Alternate:	H.E. Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó (Hungary)
Rapporteur:	Ms Chiara Segrado (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

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The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

The Board decided that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with WFP Executive Board rule of procedure I.4, it would hold its annual session of 2021 by digital means from 21 to 25 June 2021.

21 June 2021

Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

21 June 2021

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed Ms Chiara Segrado (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, List D) as Rapporteur for its 2021 annual session.

21 June 2021

Current and future strategic issues

2021/EB.A/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board's comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

Other business

2021/EB.A/2 Update on WFP's engagement in the preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit

The Board:

- took note of the oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit, particularly on the progress achieved with regard to action track 5 for which WFP is the United Nations anchor agency; and
- ii) encouraged WFP to continue its involvement in the pre-summit and summit preparatory process and to build on the momentum generated by the school meals coalition for nutrition, health and education for every child.

On conclusion of the summit, the Board looked forward to an exchange with WFP management on the implications of the summit outcomes.

21 June 2021

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2021/EB.A/3 Country strategic plan – Cuba (2021–2024)

The Board approved the Cuba country strategic plan (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2021/8-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 28,702,009.

22 June 2021

Annual reports

2021/EB.A/4 Annual performance report for 2020

The Board approved the annual performance report for 2020 (WFP/EB.A/2021/4-A), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP performance for the year. In accordance with general regulation VI.3, and pursuant to its decisions 2000/EB.A/2 and 2004/EB.A/11, to resolution E/2013/L.17 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and to the decision adopted by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its 148th Session in 2013, the Board requested that the annual performance report for 2020 be forwarded to the Economic and Social Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization, along with the present decision and the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2020.

2021/EB.A/5 Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2020

The Board took note of the annual report of the Ethics Office for 2020 (WFP/EB.A/2021/4-B).

23 June 2021

2021/EB.A/6 Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2020 and management note

The Board took note of the annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2020 (WFP/EB.A/2021/4-C). The Board also took note of the management note to the annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2020 (WFP/EB.A/2021/4-C/Add.1).

23 June 2021

Policy issues

2021/EB.A/7 WFP people policy

The Board, having considered document WFP/EB.A/2021/5-A:

- approved the WFP people policy and its aim to shape the workforce necessary to accomplish the mission set out in WFP's strategic plans;
- noted that the implementation and investment plan set forth in annex V provided indicative estimates of the investments required to achieve the full implementation of the policy;
- further noted that initiatives and activities required to implement the WFP people policy in 2021
 would be funded through existing budgetary and extrabudgetary funding allocations;
- noted that initiatives and activities required to implement the WFP people policy from 2022 onwards would be supported through the management plan, country portfolio budgets or other funding mechanisms, as appropriate; and
- requested the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on the progress made in policy implementation through the management plan and the annual performance report.

23 June 2021

2021/EB.A/8 Revised anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy

The Board approved the revised anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy (WFP/EB.A/2021/5-B/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and

the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

23 June 2021

2021/EB.A/9 Revised policy for disclosure of oversight reports issued by the Office of the Inspector General

The Board approved the policy for the disclosure of oversight reports issued by the Office of the Inspector General set out in the annex to document WFP/EB.A/2021/5-C/1 and decided that it should come into force with immediate effect and supersede the previous policy set out in documents WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/1 and WFP/EB.A/2017/6-B/1/Corr.1.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

23 June 2021

2021/EB.A/10 Update on the implementation plan of the WFP protection and accountability policy

The Board took note of the update on the implementation plan of the WFP protection and accountability policy (WFP/EB.A/2021/5-D).

23 June 2021

2021/EB.A/11 Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2020)

The Board took note of the update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2020) (WFP/EB.A/2021/5-E).

23 June 2021

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2021/EB.A/12 Annual report of the Audit Committee

The Board took note of the annual report of the Audit Committee (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-C/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and

the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

23 June 2021

2021/EB.A/13 Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the annual report of the Inspector General (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-D/1) and noted that, based on the risk-based oversight work performed and reported in 2020, no material weaknesses were identified in the governance, risk management or control processes in place across WFP that would seriously compromise the overall achievement of WFP's strategic and operational objectives. The Board encouraged management to take advantage of the opportunities for improvement highlighted in the report.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/14 Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2020

The Board took note of the management review of significant risk and control issues, 2020 (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-E/1/Rev.1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/15 Audited annual accounts, 2020

The Board:

- i) approved the 2020 annual financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-A/1), pursuant to general regulation XIV.6 (b);
- ii) noted the funding from the General Fund of USD 50,109 during 2020 for ex-gratia payments and the write off of cash losses and receivables;

iii) noted losses of commodities during 2020 forming part of operating expenses for the same period.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/16 Report of the External Auditor on critical corporate initiatives and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on critical corporate initiatives (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-F/1) and management's response to the External Auditor's recommendations (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-F/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion and links to the ongoing bottom up strategic budgeting exercise.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/17 Report of the External Auditor on the management of information on beneficiaries and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on the management of information on beneficiaries (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-G/1) and management's response to the External Auditor's recommendations (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-G/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

2021/EB.A/18 Report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations

The Board took note of the report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-H/1/Rev.1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/19 Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms (1 January-31 December 2020)

The Board took note of the report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms for the period 1 January–31 December 2020 (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-B/1) and approved an increase in the ceiling of the Global Commodity Management Facility from USD 560 million to USD 660 million.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/20 Utilization of the self-insurance special account surplus

Having considered the document "Utilization of the self-insurance special account surplus" (WFP/EB.A/2021/6-J/1), the Board approved the transfer of USD 20 million from the self-insurance special account to the Immediate Response Account.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/2 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2021/5(B,C)/3 and WFP/EB.A/2021/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J)/3).

Evaluation reports

2021/EB.A/21 Summary report on the peer review of the evaluation function at the World Food Programme and WFP response

The Board took note of the summary report on the peer review of the evaluation function at the World Food Programme (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-D) and WFP response (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-D/Add.1/Rev.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/22 Annual evaluation report for 2020 and management response

The Board took note of the annual evaluation report for 2020 (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-A) and the management response (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

24 June 2021

2021/EB.A/23 Summary report on the strategic evaluation of the contribution of school feeding activities to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the strategic evaluation of the contribution of school feeding activities to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-B) and the management's response (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

25 June 2021

2021/EB.A/24 Synthesis of evidence and lessons on country capacity strengthening from decentralized evaluations and management response

The Board took note of the synthesis of evidence and lessons on country capacity strengthening from decentralized evaluations (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-C) and management's response (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-C/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the synthesis, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2021/EB.A/25 Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

The Board took note of the implementation status of evaluation recommendations (WFP/EB.A/2021/7-E).

25 June 2021

Administrative and managerial matters

2021/EB.A/26 Appointment of two members to the Audit Committee

The Board approved the appointments of the following candidates as members of the Audit Committee:

- Mr Darshak Shah (Kenya); and
- Mr Veerathai Santiprabhob (Thailand).

Their first three-year term will begin on 15 November 2021 and expire on 14 November 2024.

25 June 2021

2021/EB.A/27 Appointment of the Inspector General and Director of Oversight Office

Following the recommendation by the Executive Director, the Board approved the appointment of Ms Fabienne Lambert (France) as Inspector General and Director of the Oversight Office for a term of four years, from July 2021 to June 2025.

25 June 2021

2021/EB.A/28 Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Multilingualism in the United Nations system

The Board took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Multilingualism in the United Nations system (WFP/EB.A/2021/10-C).

25 June 2021

Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2021/EB.A/29 Summary of the work of the 2021 first regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2021 first regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.1/2021/13.

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- b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2020 (for consideration)
- c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2020 and management note (*for consideration*)

5. Policy issues

- a) WFP people policy *(for approval)*
- b) Revised anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy (for approval)
- c) Revised policy for disclosure of oversight reports issued by the Office of the Inspector General *(for approval)*
- d) Update on the implementation plan of the WFP protection and accountability policy *(for consideration)*
- e) Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2020) (for consideration)
- f) Update on the elaboration of the WFP Strategic Plan (2022–2026) (for information)[†]
- g) Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS (for information)
- h) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) (for information)*

[†] To be discussed at the session.

6. **Resource, financial and budgetary matters**

- a) Audited annual accounts, 2020 (for approval)
- b) Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms (1 January– 31 December 2020) (for approval)
- c) Annual report of the Audit Committee (for consideration)
- d) Annual report of the Inspector General *(for consideration)* and note by the Executive Director *(for consideration)*
- e) Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2020 (for consideration)
- f) Report of the External Auditor on critical corporate initiatives *(for consideration)* and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations *(for consideration)*
- g) Report of the External Auditor on the management of information on beneficiaries *(for consideration)* and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations *(for consideration)*
- h) Report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations (for consideration)
- i) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2020 *(for information)*
- j) Utilization of the self-insurance special account surplus (for approval)

7. **Evaluation reports** (for consideration)

- a) Annual evaluation report for 2020 and management response
- b) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of the contribution of school feeding activities to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and management response
- c) Synthesis of evidence and lessons on country capacity strengthening from decentralized evaluations and management response
- d) Summary report on the peer review of the evaluation function at the World Food Programme and WFP response
- e) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

8. **Operational matters**

- a) Country strategic plans (for approval)
 - 1. Cuba (2021–2024)
- b) Revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases, approved by the Board by vote by correspondence *(for information)*
 - 1. Congo (2019-2023)

9. Organizational and procedural matters

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2021–2022) (*for information*)

10. Administrative and managerial matters

- a) Appointment of two members to the Audit Committee (for approval)
- b) Appointment of the Inspector General and Director of Oversight Office (for approval)
- c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Multilingualism in the United Nations system *(for consideration)*
- d) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board
- e) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2020 (for information)
- f) Update on food procurement (for information)*
- g) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2020 *(for information)*
- h) Security report (for information)

11. Summary of the work of the 2021 first regular session of the Executive Board (for approval)

12. Other business

- a) Update on WFP's engagement in the preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit *(for consideration)*
- b) Oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities *(for information)**
- c) Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (*for information*)*
- d) Update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (for information)*

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Decisions and recommendations

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

The Board decided that its 2021 second regular session would take place from 15 to 18 November 2021 and, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with WFP Executive Board rule of procedure I.4, would be a "hybrid" session, with some Member State representatives participating in person and some participating by digital means.

15 November 2021

Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

15 November 2021

Election to fill vacant positions in the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. Thomas John Kelly (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, List D) as member of the Bureau and H.E. Miguel Jorge García Winder (Mexico, List C) as alternate member of the Bureau.

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed Ms I. Krzeszewska (Poland, List E) as Rapporteur for its 2021 second regular session.

15 November 2021

Current and future strategic issues

2021/EB.2/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board's comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

15 November 2021

Policy issues

2021/EB.2/2 WFP strategic plan (2022–2025)

The Board, reaffirming its commitment to WFP's mandate, as reflected in its general rules and regulations, approved the WFP strategic plan for 2022–2025 (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2). In doing so, the Board reaffirmed that WFP's first priority is to save lives while also contributing, in partnership, to reducing need, improving food security and supporting countries in their efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. WFP's work in crisis should be guided by the humanitarian principles.

The Board, looking forward to considering and approving a corporate results framework at its 2022 first regular session, noted its expectation that the framework would present targets and indicators that enable the improved measurement of WFP's performance.

The Board also noted its expectation to receive at its first regular session in 2022 an analysis of policy documents that need to be adapted to ensure implementation of the strategic plan.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/2 and WFP/EB.2/2021/5(A,B,C,D)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/3 and WFP/EB.2/2021/5(A,B,C,D)/3).

15 November 2021

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2021/EB.2/3 WFP management plan (2022–2024)

Having considered WFP's management plan (2022–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2021/5-A/1/Rev.1), the Board:

- i. noted that the 2022 programme support and administrative appropriation assumes a funding level of USD 8.4 billion in 2022;
- took note of the projected operational requirements of USD 13.9 billion for 2022 and the provisional implementation plan of USD 8.5 billion for 2022 to align the activities of WFP with anticipated funding as outlined in section III of the management plan (2022-2024);
- iii. approved a 2022 programme support and administrative appropriation of USD 496.1 million, to be allocated as follows:

strategy and direction	USD 111.1 million
services to operations	USD 241.4 million

governance, independent oversight and fundraising

Total

USD 143.6 million

USD 496.1 million

- iv. approved an allocation of USD 17.1 million from the programme support and administrative equalization account for the third year of the critical corporate initiative private sector strategy, in accordance with the multi-year plan endorsed by the Board in 2019. This third, and final year, of the multi-year private sector strategy initiative seeks to increase individual giving from the private sector noting the presentation of the workplan as described in section VII and annex VII;
- v. approved an allocation of USD 25.3 million from the programme support and administrative equalization account for the first year of a three-year initiative for the adoption of a new one-time critical corporate initiative "investing in WFP people". The allocation covers one-time activities as described in section VII and annex VII and will support WFP's efforts to shape the workforce required to fulfil the organization's mandate, support employee health and well-being and build improved, respectful and inclusive workplaces;
- vi. took note of the bottom up strategic budgeting exercise and encouraged WFP to continue to strengthen WFP's budgeting capabilities and increase the transparency of the budgets presented to the Board while identifying opportunities to achieve further efficiency gains. The Board requested to be informed, prior to and during the consultations in 2022 on the management plan (2023–2025), of <u>all</u> outcomes of further efforts to enhance strategic budgeting at WFP;
- vii. approved a standard indirect support cost recovery rate of 6.5 percent for 2022 for all contributions except for governments' contributions to programmes in their own countries and contributions made by developing countries or countries with economies in transition, as determined by the Executive Board, for which an indirect support cost recovery rate of 4 percent shall apply in 2022;
- viii. approved use of the General Fund to charge treasury management costs up to USD 2.35 million per annum from interest income accrued to the General Fund;
- ix. approved a ceiling of USD 147 million for corporate services advances from 2022 and looked forward to reviewing that as part of future management plans; and
- x. authorized the Executive Director to adjust the programme support and administrative component of the budget in accordance with a change in the level of the forecasted income for the year, at a rate not to exceed 2 percent of the anticipated change in income.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/2 and WFP/EB.2/2021/5(A,B,C,D)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/3 and WFP/EB.2/2021/5(A,B,C,D)/3).

16 November 2021

2021/EB.2/4 Appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term 1 July 2022–30 June 2028

The Executive Board appointed the Bundesrechnungshof of Germany as the WFP External Auditor for the term 1 July 2022–30 June 2028.

The total annual remuneration of the External Auditor shall be USD 398,492, inclusive of fees and all other costs and expenses, to be paid in quarterly instalments.

The Board authorized the Board President to sign a contract between WFP and the Bundesrechnungshof of Germany on its behalf.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/2 and WFP/EB.2/2021/5(A,B,C,D)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/3 and WFP/EB.2/2021/5(A,B,C,D)/3).

16 November 2021

Policy issues (continued)

2021/EB.2/5 Update on the WFP disability inclusion road map (2020–2021)

The Board took note of the update on the WFP disability inclusion road map (2020–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-E) and approved a one-year extension of the road map through the end of 2022.

17 November 2021

Evaluation reports

2021/EB.2/6 Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP South–South and triangular cooperation policy and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the WFP South–South and triangular cooperation policy (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-A) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

17 November 2021

2021/EB.2/7 Summary report on the joint evaluation of United Nations Rome-based agency collaboration and coordinated response

The Board took note of the summary report on the joint evaluation of United Nations Rome-based agency collaboration (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-B/Rev.1) and coordinated response (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action to improve RBA collaboration based on the recommendations set out in the report and including follow-up to the food systems summit, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board also took note of recommendation 6 and agreed that RBA collaboration should be considered as part of the broader United Nations context, in particular the reformed United Nations coordination taking place at country-level and the efficiency initiatives being implemented. It also looked forward to receiving annual updates on the status of the implementation of the recommendations by the RBAs and would endeavour to adjust resourcing for RBA collaboration actions accordingly and to monitor annually the funding requirements.

17 November 2021

Western Africa portfolio

2021/EB.2/8 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for the Gambia (2019–2021) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for the Gambia (2019–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-D) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-D/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

17 November 2021

Middle East and Northern Africa portfolio

2021/EB.2/9 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Lebanon (2018–2021) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Lebanon (2018–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-F) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-F/Add.1/Rev.1) and

encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

17 November 2021

2021/EB.2/10 Interim country strategic plan – Syrian Arab Republic (2022–2023)

The Board approved the Syrian Arab Republic interim country strategic plan (2022–2023) (WFP/EB.2/2021/7-B/1/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 2,865,679,705.

17 November 2021

2021/EB.2/11 Country strategic plan – Tunisia (2022–2025)

The Board approved the Tunisia country strategic plan (2022–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2021/7-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 11,392,574.

17 November 2021

Eastern Africa portfolio

2021/EB.2/12 Country strategic plan – Somalia (2022–2025)

The Board approved the Somalia country strategic plan (2022–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2021/7-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 1,941,288,739.

17 November 2021

Organizational and procedural matters

2021/EB.2/13 Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2022–2023)

The Board approved the biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2022–2023) as set out in document WFP/EB.2/2021/8-A and as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

17 November 2021

Administrative and managerial matters

2021/EB.2/14 Revised title and terms of reference of the Audit Committee

The Board approved the revised title and terms of reference of the Audit Committee as set out in document WFP/EB.2/2021/9-A.

17 November 2021

2021/EB.2/15 Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Audit Committee members

The Board approved the establishment of a selection panel in relation to the appointment or reappointment of Audit Committee members. The panel, in accordance with the Audit Committee terms of reference and in response to any vacancies in the membership of the Audit Committee that might occur in 2022, would recommend candidates to be appointed or reappointed by the Board. The Board also approved the appointment to the panel of the following representatives of the electoral lists of the Executive Board:

- Ms Lamia Ben Redouane, Alternate Permanent Representative of Algeria, as representative of List A;
- Dr. Bommakanti Rajender, Alternate Permanent Representative of India, as representative of List
 B;
- Ms Diana Infante Quiñones, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic, as representative of List C;
- Ms Elizabeth Petrovski, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as representative of List D; and
- Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, as representative of List E.

The Board requested the selection panel to convene as necessary and to report its recommendations to the Board in accordance with the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

17 November 2021

Asia and the Pacific portfolio

2021/EB.2/16 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (2017–2021) and management response

Country strategic plan – Lao People's Democratic Republic (2022–2026)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (2017–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-E/Rev.1) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-E/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Lao People's Democratic country strategic plan (2022–2026) (WFP/EB.2/2021/7-A/2/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 79,158,740.

18 November 2021

2021/EB.2/17 Country strategic plan – Bangladesh (2022–2026)

The Board approved the Bangladesh country strategic plan (2022–2026) (WFP/EB.2/2021/7-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 1,620,221,970.

18 November 2021

2021/EB.2/18 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for China (2017–2021) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for China (2017–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-C/Rev.1) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2021/6-C/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

18 November 2021

Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2021/EB.2/19 Summary of the work of the 2021 annual session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2021 annual session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.A/2021/14.

18 November 2021

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4. *Policy issues*

- a) WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) (for approval)
- b) Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies (for information)[‡]
- c) Oral update on WFP's implementation of the outcomes of the 2021 United Nations food systems summit (*for information*)*
- d) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) (*for information*)^{*}
- e) Update on the WFP disability inclusion road map (for approval)

5. Resource, financial and budgetary matters

- a) WFP management plan (2022–2024) (for approval)
- b) Appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term 1 July 2022–30 June 2028 (for approval)
- c) Workplan of the External Auditor (for information)
- d) Revised WFP Financial Rules (for information)

6. **Evaluation reports** (for consideration)

- a) Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP South–South and triangular cooperation policy and management response
- b) Summary report on the joint evaluation of United Nations Rome-based agency collaboration and coordinated response

[‡] To be discussed at the session.

- c) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for China (2017–2021) and management response
- d) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for the Gambia (2019-2021) and management response
- e) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (2017–2021) and management response
- f) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Lebanon (2018-2021) and management response

7. Operational matters

- a) Country strategic plans (for approval)
 - 1. Bangladesh (2022–2026)
 - 2. Lao People's Democratic Republic (2022–2026)
 - 3. Somalia (2022-2025)
 - 4. Tunisia (2022–2025)
- b) Interim country strategic plans (for approval)
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- c) Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (for information)
 - 1. Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2021)
- d) Revisions of country strategic plans/interim country strategic plans, and corresponding budget increases, approved by the Board by vote by correspondence *(for information)*
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 - 2. Eswatini (2020–2024)
 - 3. Gambia (the) (2019–2021)
 - 4. Togo (2021)

8. Organizational and procedural matters

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2022–2023) (for approval)

9. Administrative and managerial matters

- a) Revised title and terms of reference of the Audit Committee (for approval)
- b) Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Audit Committee members *(for approval)*

10. Summary of the work of the 2021 annual session of the Executive Board (for approval)

11. Other business

- a) Oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities *(for information)**
- b) Report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 27 May 2021 *(for information)*

12. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

