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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/2025/11](#))

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 2024. The Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

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### 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.

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## Programme and policy matters

### 3. Annual report for 2024 of the Executive Director of UNICEF

*For decision* ([E/ICEF/2025/12](#))

The report covers 2024, the third year of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2022–2025. It takes stock of progress towards the aims of the Strategic Plan, presenting and analysing progress against key indicators. 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, 2022–2025; (b) report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system; (c) description of independent oversight functions/bodies in UNICEF; and (d) a data companion and scorecard.

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#### UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit

*For information* ([E/ICEF/2025/14](#))

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 2024.

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**4. UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2026–2029: draft for review**

*For information* ([E/ICEF/2025/15](#) and [E/ICEF/2025/15/Add.1](#))

The draft Strategic Plan, 2026–2029 and draft results framework are presented to the Executive Board for discussion. A final draft of the Strategic Plan will be presented to the Executive Board for approval at its second regular session of 2025.

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**5. Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action**

*For decision* ([E/ICEF/2025/19](#))

The annual report presents an overview of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises in 2024, globally, regionally and at the country level, outlining key challenges and lessons learned in humanitarian action, and how these have informed the UNICEF response. The report also identifies strategic priorities for the coming year.

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**6. Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2022–2025**

*For information* ([E/ICEF/2025/20](#))

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 is accompanied by a data companion and scorecard.

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**7. UNICEF programme cooperation****Extensions of ongoing country programmes**

*For decision* ([E/ICEF/2025/P/L.8](#))

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be informed of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Guatemala and South Sudan, which were approved by the Executive Director.

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**8. Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse***For decision (E/ICEF/2025/16)*

The report describes how UNICEF is preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse in its policies, procedures and operations at headquarters, regional and country levels.

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**9. Update on organizational culture and diversity***For decision (E/ICEF/2025/17)*

The report provides an update on the ongoing efforts of UNICEF to strengthen its organizational culture and further integrate its core values into the delivery of results, with the vision to create a workplace where all colleagues are treated with dignity and respect.

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**10. Update on UNICEF efforts to address racism and racial discrimination***For decision (E/ICEF/2025/18)*

The report provides an update on the ongoing efforts of UNICEF to address racism and racial discrimination.

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**11. Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development 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. The information note also includes updates on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [76/4](#) on the review of the resident coordinator system, in the context of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and addresses the requests contained in Executive Board decision 2024/11 adopted at the annual session of 2024. The information note will be accompanied by the United Nations development system reform checklist, as an annex.

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## Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

### 12. Annual report for 2024 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response

*For decision* ([E/ICEF/2025/23](#), [E/ICEF/2025/24](#))

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 contextual background for the evaluation function in 2024, highlighting progress in implementing the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF and Executive Board decisions. The report provides an overview of the performance of the evaluation function in 2024, including an analysis of key achievements, challenges and influencing factors within the function and its operating environment. The report is accompanied by a management response.

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### 13. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2024, and management response

*For decision* ([E/ICEF/2025/21](#), [E/ICEF/2025/22](#))

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, 2018/11 and 2022/14.

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### 14. Internal audit and investigations

#### UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2024 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response

*For decision* ([E/ICEF/2025/AB/L.3](#), [E/ICEF/2025/AB/L.3/Add.1](#), [E/ICEF/2025/AB/L.3/Add.2](#), [E/ICEF/2025/AB/L.4](#))

The report, prepared annually in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/28 and subsequent decisions, 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 2024. The report is accompanied by two addenda, one detailing the open agreed internal audit actions older than 18 months as at 31 December 2024, and another detailing the cases closed after investigation and cases closed after assessment with established financial losses during 2024. The report is also accompanied by a management response.

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**UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2024 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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**15. Progress on the consideration of the review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women by the Joint Inspection Unit**  
*For decision*

The Executive Board will be provided with an update on the implementation of its decision 2024/15, on the assessment of how the Executive Board executes its governance and oversight functions.

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**16. Annual report on the risk profile of UNICEF**  
*For decision (E/ICEF/2025/25)*

The annual report is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with its decision 2024/16. The report focuses on top risks, risk appetite, and management and mitigation of critical risks for the coming year.

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**Resource, financial and budgetary matters**

**17. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2024**  
*For decision (E/ICEF/2025/AB/L.5)*

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

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## **Other matters and adoption of draft decisions**

### **18. 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.

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### **19. Other matters**

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its second regular session of 2025 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

### **20. Adoption of draft decisions**

### **21. 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 2025 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board

**10–13 June 2025<sup>1</sup>**

Tuesday 10 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	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 2024 of the Executive Director of UNICEF UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit <i>General statements</i>
		1.15–2.45 p.m.	<i>Informal consultations</i>
		3–5 p.m.	<i>General statements (cont'd)</i>
		Item 5	Annual report on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 8	Update on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse
		Item 7	UNICEF programme cooperation Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		5–6 p.m.	<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday 11 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 12	Annual report for 2024 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management response
		Item 14	Internal audit and investigations UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2024 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2024 annual report to the Executive Board
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		1.15–2.45 p.m.	<i>Informal consultations</i>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

	3–5 p.m.	Item 10	Update on UNICEF efforts to address racism and racial discrimination
		Item 9	Update on organizational culture and diversity
		Item 17	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2024
		Item 11	Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system
		<i>Informal consultations</i>	
Thursday 12 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 4	UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2026–2029: draft for review
		Item 6	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2022–2025
		Item 18	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association
	2–6 p.m.	<i>Informal consultations</i>	
Friday 13 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Item 19	Other matters
		Item 20	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 21	Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board
	3–5 p.m.		