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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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1. *Adoption of the Agenda*

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Executive Director hereby presents, **for approval**, the Provisional Annotated Agenda of the Second Regular Session of 2015. During the session, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*

Pursuant to Rule XII and in keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.

3. *Opening Remarks by the Executive Director*

Under this item, the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on current and future strategic issues facing WFP.

4. *Policy Issues*

a) Evaluation Policy (2016–2021)

The United Nations Evaluation Group/Development Assistance Committee (UNEG/DAC) peer review of WFP's evaluation function, completed in 2014, recommended that WFP revise the 2008 evaluation policy in line with: i) current UNEG norms and best practice; ii) the Strategic Plan and related commitments to giving evaluation a greater role in performance management; and iii) developments in the international system for evaluation. The policy will update and clarify the purpose and scope of WFP's evaluation function and the roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Office of Evaluation and managers, and will set the direction for evaluation capacity, resourcing, selection, coverage and use across WFP. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

b) Update on WFP's Role in the Collective Humanitarian Response

This document provides an overview of WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response during the last year, flags trends and challenges affecting WFP's response and highlights implications for WFP. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Update on Collaboration among the Rome-Based Agencies

At its Second Regular Session in 2010, the Board asked the Secretariat to report annually on Rome-based agency collaboration as a follow-up to "Directions for Collaboration among the Rome-Based Agencies" (WFP/EB.2/2009/11-C). The report provides a comprehensive overview on the collaboration, along with any new areas of collaboration, initiatives and partnerships for food and nutrition security. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**. This item will be discussed at the Session, as requested by List D on 3 September 2015.

d) Compendium of Policies relating to the Strategic Plan*

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations contained in the Report of the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. At the Board's request in 2010, the compendium has been reorganized to focus on policies relating to the goals in the Strategic Plan. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

5. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) WFP Management Plan (2016–2018)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the Management Plan for the period 2016–2018, including WFP's budget for 2016.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

b) Appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the Term 1 July 2016–30 June 2022

This paper will present to the Board the recommendation of the evaluation panel on appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term 1 July 2016–30 June 2022. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

c) Update on the Financial Framework Review

At its Annual Session in 2014, the Board asked the Secretariat to implement the next phase of the Financial Framework Review as outlined in WFP/EB.A/2014/6-D/1. This document will provide an update of the progress made. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

d) Work Plan of the External Auditor*

This document presents the work plan of the External Auditor, detailing the audit activities for the period 2015–2016. Adherence to International Standards on Auditing and proven audit methods will form the basis of the External Auditor's assurance of providing high-quality services to WFP. The work plan covers financial, performance and compliance audits as well as quality reviews and individual audit assessments. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

* In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the Annual Session and Third Regular Session of 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the President accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.

6. *Evaluation Reports*

a) Summary Evaluation Report of the Nutrition Policy (2012–2014) and Management Response

WFP's 2012 nutrition policy established a framework for WFP's role in reducing undernutrition through its programmes and partnerships, covering moderate acute malnutrition treatment and prevention, chronic malnutrition prevention, micronutrient deficiencies and nutrition-sensitive programming. The Board requested an evaluation of the policy in 2015, a year or more earlier than called for in the normal policy evaluation cycle. The evaluation will assess the quality of the policy, implementation arrangements including capacity and technical support, partnerships and business processes such as evidence management and results to date. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) Synthesis Report of the Evaluations of WFP's Emergency Preparedness and Response and Management Response

This synthesis report will conclude the series of strategic evaluations on WFP's emergency preparedness and response. It is intended to inform WFP's strategic direction and enhance effectiveness, and will take account of the changing context affecting urban and rural food-insecure populations; complex conflicts, rapid shocks and slow-onset emergencies involving increasing numbers of humanitarian actors, the international humanitarian architecture and the Transformative Agenda. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Summary Report of the Joint Evaluation of the REACH Initiative (2011–2015) and Management Response

Begun in 2011, Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger and Undernutrition (REACH) is a partnership that aims to improve nutrition governance and programming to enhance nutrition outcomes. This evaluation is of strategic interest because of WFP's leading role in the multi-partner REACH framework. It will provide insights into WFP's partnership work in nutrition programming and its capacity to address long-term hunger, which were issues addressed in recent strategic evaluations of WFP's shift from food aid to food assistance. The evaluation will complement other evaluations of WFP's increasingly important nutrition portfolio. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

d) Summary Evaluation Report – United Republic of Tanzania Country Portfolio (2011–2014) and Management Response

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's strategic direction, planning and implications for programme implementation. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

e) Synthesis Report of 2014–2015 Operation Evaluations

This synthesis report summarizes the findings and recommendations emerging from the single-operation evaluations conducted over the preceding year to identify opportunities for systemic improvement. Single-operation evaluations focus on the appropriateness and efficiency of a single operation in achieving its objectives, compliance with international and WFP policy norms and standards, and the adequacy of the operation's

design, implementation and results. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

Operational Matters

7. *Country Programmes*

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following country programmes:

- Sri Lanka 200866 (2016–2017)
- Uganda 200894 (2016–2020)
- Zambia 200891 (2016–2020)

8. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

a) Budget increases to development activities

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following budget increases to development activities exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Haiti DEV 200150
- Lao People's Democratic Republic CP 200242
- Mozambique CP 200286

b) Protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs) exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo 200832
- Nepal 200875
- Pakistan 200867
- Somalia 200844
- Uganda 200842
- Zimbabwe 200892 – **WITHDRAWN**

c) Budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following budget increases to PRROs exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Central America 200490
- Ethiopia 200712
- Myanmar 200299
- South Sudan 200572

9. *Projects Approved by Correspondence*

Budget Increases to protracted relief and recovery operations*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the following budget increase to a PRRO, approved by correspondence by the Board following the Annual Session in 2015:

- Malawi 200692

10. *Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters**

- a) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2015)

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- Djibouti 200824
- Rwanda 200744

- b) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2015)

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.

- c) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2015)

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing emergency operations approved by the Executive Director, or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

11. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2016–2017)

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, its Biennial Programme of Work (2016–2017).

12. *Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2015*

In accordance with the Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of Work of the Annual Session of 2015 is submitted **for approval**.

13. *Other Business**

- Report on the Joint Field Visit to Jordan of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

A report of the joint field visit to Jordan of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP is submitted to the Board **for information**.

- Report on the Field Visit to Pakistan of the WFP Executive Board

A report of the joint field visit to Pakistan of the WFP Executive Board is submitted to the Board **for information**.

14. *Verification of Approved Decisions and Recommendations*

The Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.