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Agenda Item 4a - Aviation Policy

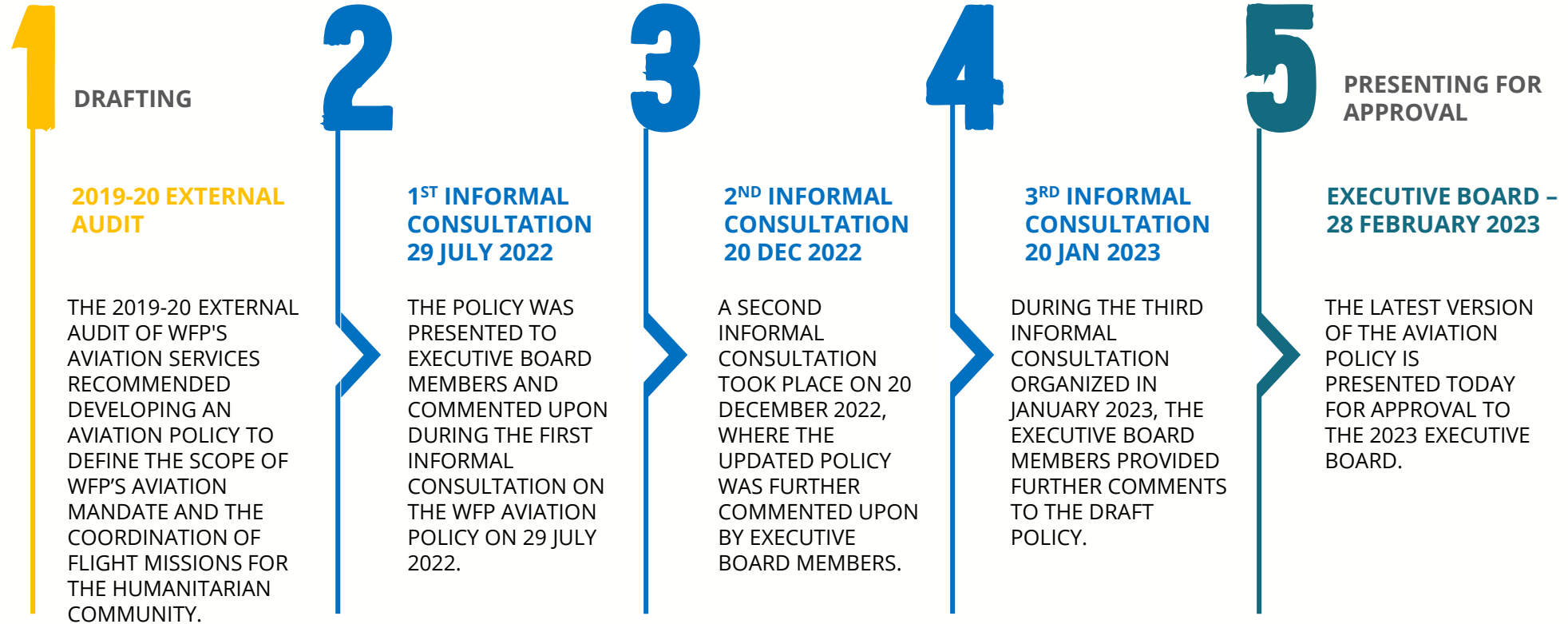
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Aviation Policy: Validation Process





PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

- To state the objectives, principles and partnerships that frame aviation operations;
- To describe the aviation governance, accountability and reporting framework;
- To describe WFP Aviation's provided services to the Humanitarian Community, including common services (such as those delivered by UNHAS), as well as specialized and on-demand services to partners; facilitating coordination and communication between aviation and humanitarian stakeholders in the context of emergency response; and strengthening regional and national aviation systems and capacity;
- To describe essential enablers (such as partnerships, sustainable funding and a high performing and agile workforce) that will help ensure the sustainability of WFP's aviation activities and the continued delivery of humanitarian assistance in difficult circumstances.

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1. Principles

- **Needs-based** humanitarian action in accordance with humanitarian principles of:

Humanity

WFP will seek to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it is found and respond with food assistance when appropriate. It will provide assistance in ways that respect life, health and dignity.

Neutrality

WFP will not take sides in a conflict and will not engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature. Food assistance will not be provided to active combatants.

Impartiality

WFP'S assistance will be guided solely by need and will not discriminate in terms of ethnic origin, nationality, political opinion, gender, race or religion.

Operational independence

WFP will provide assistance in a manner that is operationally independent of the political, economic, military or other objectives that any actor may hold with regard to areas where such assistance is being provided.

- **International/United Nations aviation standards** such as ICAO standards and recommended practices, UNITED NATIONS Aviation Standards, Civil Aviation Authorities;
- **Annex 9** to the Convention on International Civil Aviation on facilitation;
- **Environmental sustainability** carried out through the WFP Aviation Service environmental and sustainability programme;
- **Emergency preparedness framework** including strategically located aircraft with minimal deployment time & qualified workforce;
- **Access eligibility** implemented through the passenger prioritization system;
- **Disability inclusion** executed through accessibility for passengers with disabilities and/or additional specific needs;
- **Sexual exploitation and abuse protection** in line with **WFP** Zero tolerance policy;
- **Personal data protection** in line with the United Nations Personal Data Protection and Privacy Principles.

2. Scope



Provide aviation services

Common services (UNHAS);

On-demand and specialized services
for humanitarian and development
organizations;



Act as a facilitator in humanitarian response

Promote collaboration between
aviation and humanitarian
stakeholders;

Ensure **systematic
communication and
coordination** among aviation and
humanitarian actors.



Strengthen Aviation Systems and Capacity at the Regional and National Levels

Collaborate with international
aviation organizations and regulators;

Strengthen partnerships with
humanitarian and development
actors.

3. Governance Framework

UNATAG & UNAVSTADS

- **UNATAG:** twice a year to review amendments to UNAVSTADS and ensures compliance with international safety standards;
- **UNAVSTADS:** United Nations Aviation Standards for Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Air Transport Operations as part of the aviation safety regulatory framework.

Aviation Safety Board (ASB)

- **Aviation Safety Board:** twice a year responsible for reviewing and advising on issues related to the safety of WFP aviation operations.

Air Transport Committee (ATC) & Air Transport Contracts Committee (ATCC)

- **Air Transport Committee:** twice a year reviews and makes recommendations on:
 - air transport contracting actions, procedures and principles;
 - performance evaluations and assessment reports; and
 - air transport guidance material.
- **Air Transport Contracts Committee** evaluates all offers and formulates recommendations.

4. Services Provided: UNHAS

Aviation services for **humanitarian and development organizations** in humanitarian emergencies and protracted crises.

Transporting passengers and cargo for other **United Nations entities, NGOs, international financial institutions and other humanitarian and development partners.**

Annual review to maintain the common service provision at country level is based on **three main pillars**: Review of country's commercial air transport market; UNHAS performance assessment; Stakeholders' feedback.

UNHAS Operations

Provision of access to the world's most remote and challenging locations, where no safe surface transport or viable commercial aviation options are available.

Governance: UNHAS Steering Committee

FREQUENCY: quarterly, and at least twice in each calendar year, unless an urgent need calls for a review.

MEMBERS: two representatives of each of the following entities: United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, non-governmental organizations and the donor community.

MAIN TOPICS:



Eligibility of organizations to use the air service



UNHAS funding modalities/advocacy and resource mobilization



UNHAS networks destinations and fleet composition

WFP seeks to accommodate all eligible humanitarian passengers' requests based on the Programme Criticality of the missions.

In addition to the UNHAS steering committee, a UNHAS user group committee is established as part of each UNHAS country operation.



FINANCING – UNHAS

- UNHAS Operations are financed under Country Strategic Plans through:
 - **Contributions** from donor governments, intergovernmental organizations and multilateral funds
 - **Cost recovery** will continue to provide supplemental funding and help to promote use of the service for essential humanitarian needs.
- WFP's **centralized funding mechanism** will enable WFP to centrally receive contributions earmarked for UNHAS operations, giving the flexibility to allocate them to CSPs. Funds will be reallocated to country portfolio budgets for aviation operations at the onset of humanitarian crises, enhancing financial sustainability and speed in emergency response.
- There are **three main funding models** for UNHAS:
 - Full cost recovery:
 - Partial cost recovery:
 - Fully donor-funded:
- All UNHAS operations are to apply a cost-recovery funding model. Newly established operations should, as soon as feasible, move from a fully donor-funded to a cost-recovery funding model.
- Fair fee reviews will be developed for different user organisation categories, including local NGOs which as a general rule are charged less than the other categories of user agencies, to support the promotion of the localisation of the humanitarian action.

4. On-demand and Specialized Services

Dedicated air transport services for humanitarian and development actors (United Nations entities, NGOs, donors), and cargo transport at global and country level, in accordance with humanitarian principles and fully funded by the requesting partner.

Airlifts and airdrops for food deliveries during emergency operations, airfreight services and medical and security evacuations are provided under SDG2 for WFP and fully funded by WFP.

5. Objectives at the global level

Leveraging our experience, presence and partnerships to **strengthen regional and national aviation systems and capacity**. Supporting more sustainable aviation solutions whenever feasible.

6. Essential Enablers



7. Implementation

Ensuring action at headquarters and regional level to put in place essential enablers and achieve objectives.

8. Monitoring, reporting & evaluation

Monitoring of and reporting on implementation of the policy will be based on key performance indicators established as part of WFP's corporate results framework and annual performance planning process.



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