

WFP Governance

A brief introduction

What to expect...



- **How governance is conducted**
- **What the WFP Executive Board is and how it is constituted**
- **Who are the other main actors and facilitators in the governance process**

The Executive Board

Board Members oversee the organization's activities



The Executive Board

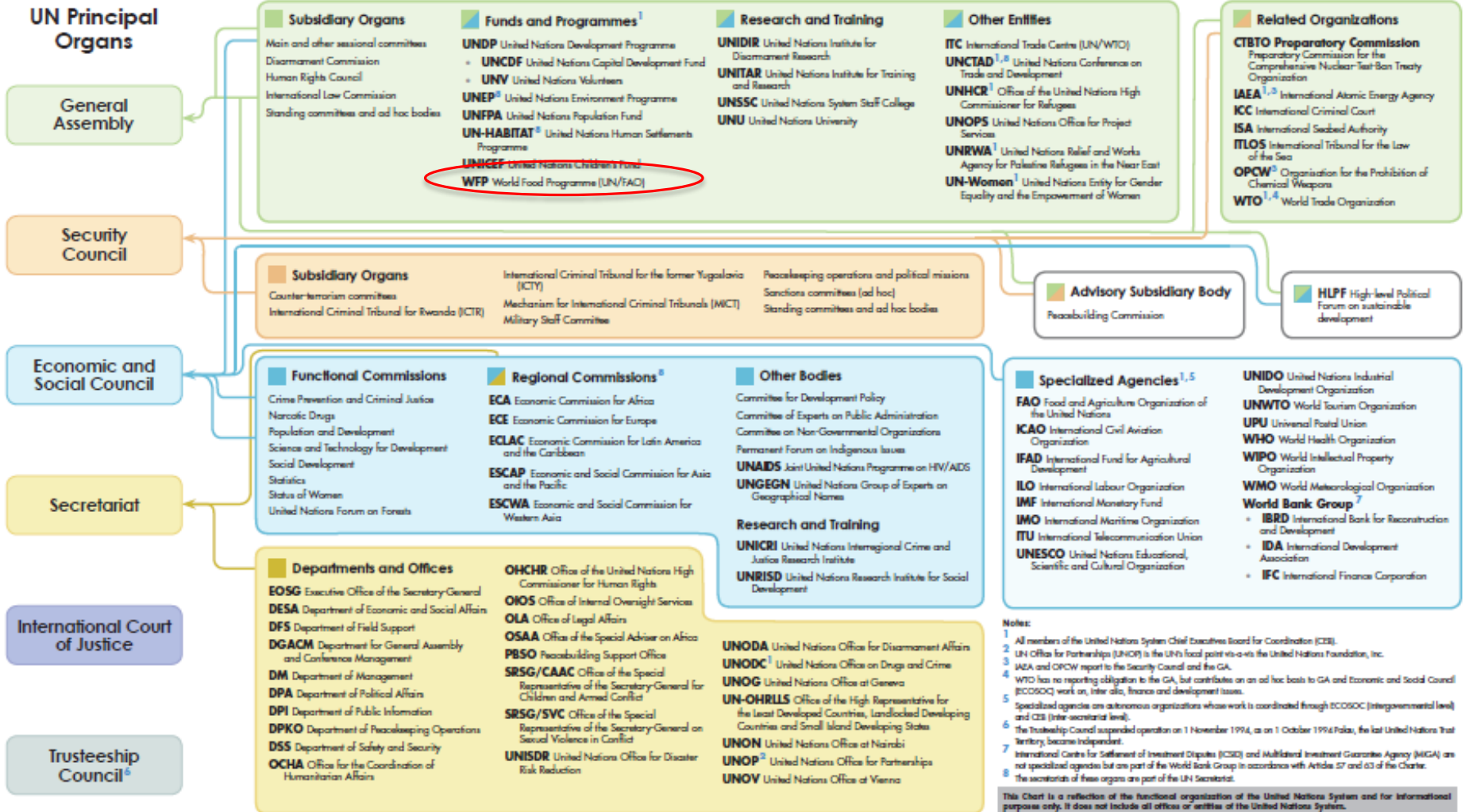
Impressions of a formal session of the Executive Board



Where WFP Fits in UN System



The United Nations System



Five Governance Facts about WFP



Established jointly by the UN General Assembly and FAO as a 3-year pilot in 1961

From 1961 to 1975 WFP was governed by an Intergovernmental Committee

In 1976 the UN General Assembly and FAO replaced the Committee with a 42-member Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (CFA)

In 1994, following General Assembly Resolution 48/162, the CFA was transformed into a 36-member Executive Board to govern WFP alone, effective 1 January 1996

Also in 1994, the WFP Mission Statement was adopted, the first for a UN agency

Quick Rome-based Agency Comparison



FAO

- 197 members: 194 members, 2 associate members, & 1 member organization (EU)
- 1 vote per member
- 2 governing bodies: Council (chaired by an independent rep elected by Conference), and Conference (highest body)
- Various committees (Programme, Finance, CCLM, etc.)

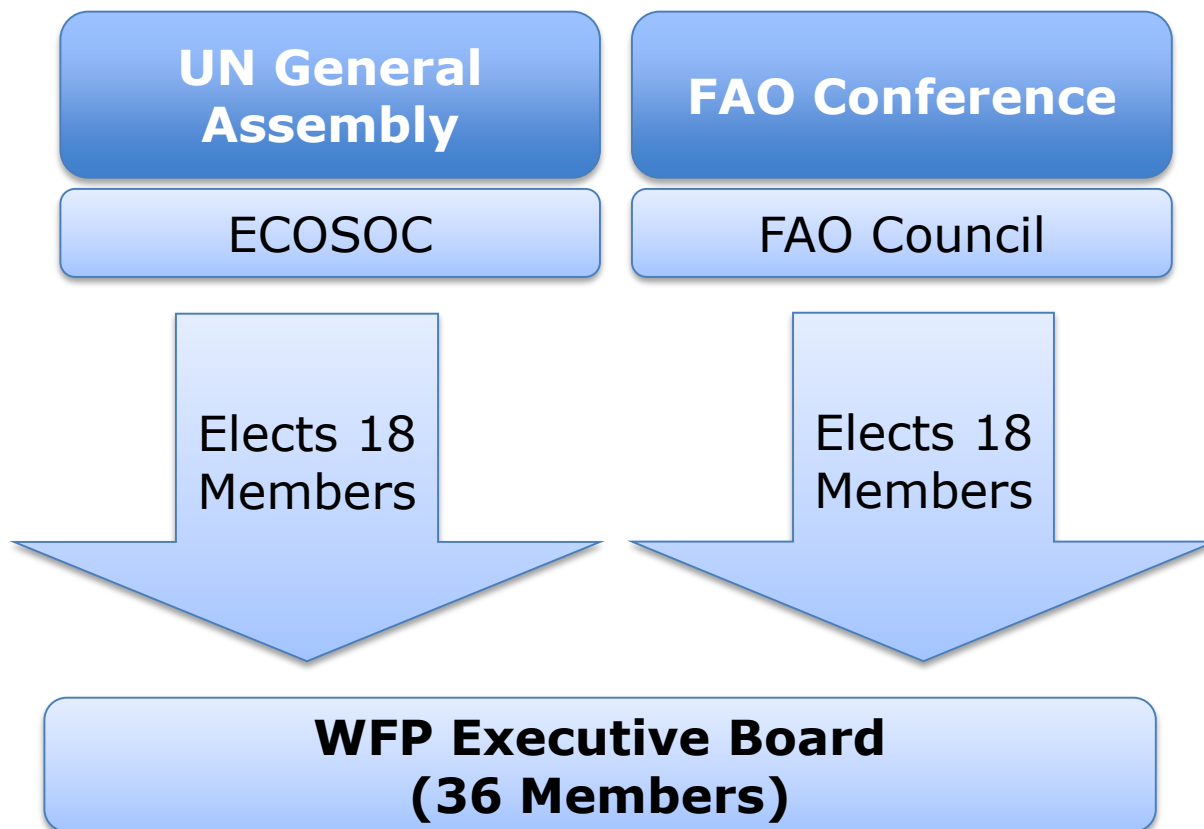
IFAD

- 166 members represented by Governors (hybrid UN IFI)
- Weighted voting (membership and contribution)
- 2 governing bodies: Executive Board (chaired by IFAD President) & Governing Council (highest body)
- 2 main committees: Audit & Evaluation

WFP

- Out of 193 UN & 197 FAO members: 36 members, 1 special & permanent observer (EU)
- 1 vote per member
- Reports to 2 governing bodies: ECOSOC & FAO Council
- 3 advisory committees: Audit (external), FAO Finance Committee & ACABQ (comprised of UN member states)

How the Executive Board is Constituted



How Governance at WFP Works



WFP Governance

Executive Board (36 Member Nations)

- Intergovernmental oversight
- Specific policy direction
- Approves programme projects and WFP activities

WFP Secretariat (WFP Management)

- Administers WFP
- Implements projects and programmes
- Provides accountability

How the Executive Board is Constituted



The regional make-up of the Executive Board membership

List A

Africa

- 8 members

List B

Asia & Middle East

- 7 members

List C

Latin America & the Caribbean

- 5 members

List D

N. America, W. Europe, Japan, Australia, New Zealand

- 12 members

List E

Eastern Europe

- 3 members

+ 1 rotational seat

- From list A, B, C from FAO

Quick facts about Executive Board sessions



Three formal sessions annually:

- First Regular Session (February)
- Annual Session (June)
- Second Regular Session (November)

Documents tabled can be:

For Approval

For Consideration

For Information

Board Languages:



Decisions are made
by consensus

The Executive Board Bureau



2016 WFP Executive Board Bureau

- **President:** H.E. Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klée (*Guatemala, List C*)
- **Vice President:** Mr Vimlendra Sharan (*India, List B*)*
- **Member:** Ms Anna-Marie Moulton (*South Africa, List A*)
- **Member:** Ms Vibeke Gram Mortensen (*Denmark, List D*)
- **Member:** Mr Zoltán Kálmán (*Hungary, List E*)

*Replaced by H.E. Anil Wadhwa (India, List B) on 14 November 2016

What role does the Executive Board Bureau have?

- Plans the work of the Board
- Shares information and promotes dialogue between List members and the Secretariat
- Facilitates consensus among and between Lists outside of formal sessions

WFP Governance Project (1999-2005)



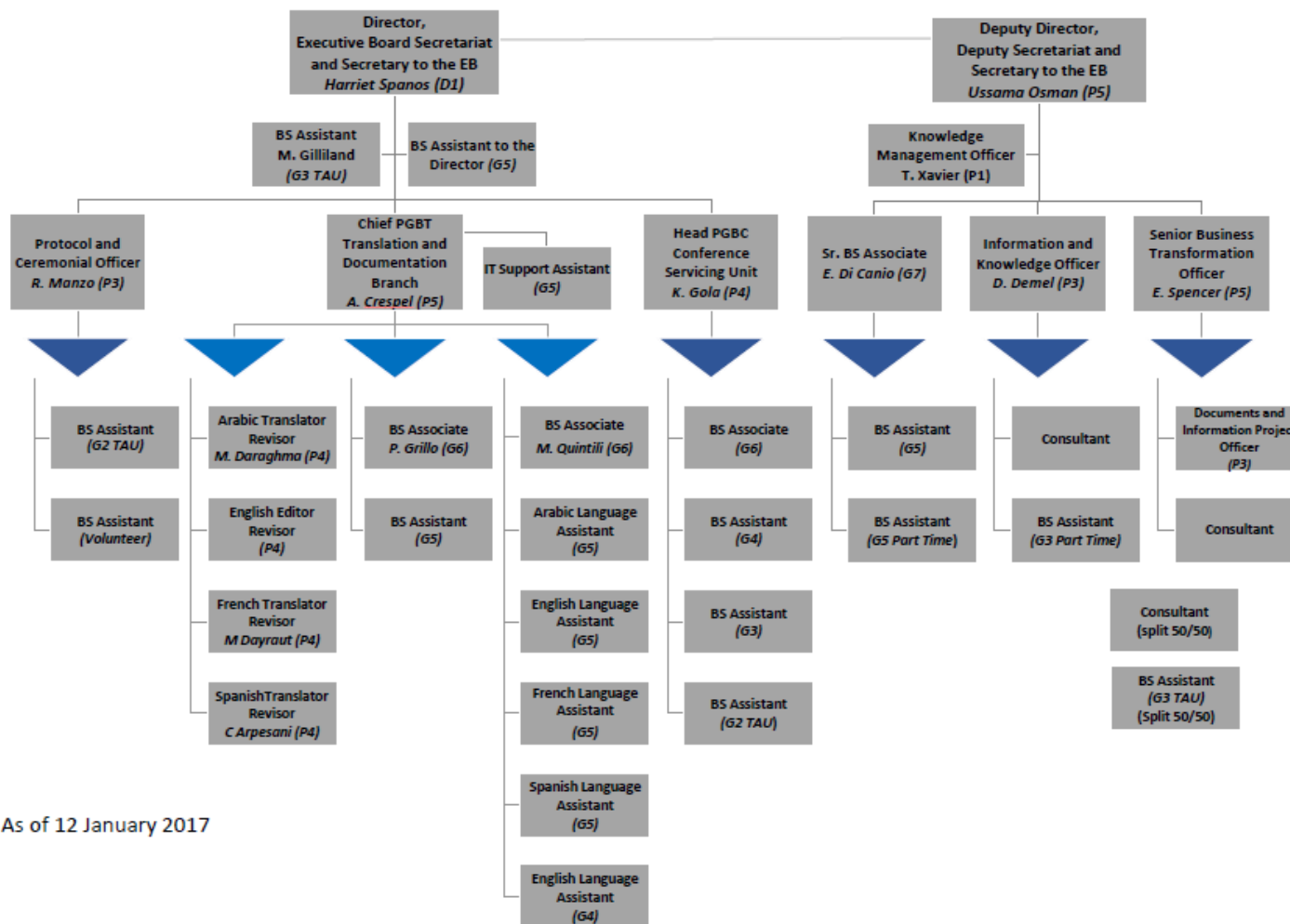
Governance group formulated to improve 3 major Board functions: info-sharing, consensus building & decision-making

- **Objectives:**
 - Strengthen governance
 - Make the Board more strategic, efficient and effective
- **Outcomes:**
 - Strategy framework
 - Policy framework codification and regular review
 - Oversight framework
 - Accountability framework

How the Board Secretariat is made up

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD SECRETARIAT - PGB

2017



As of 12 January 2017

Executive Board Secretariat



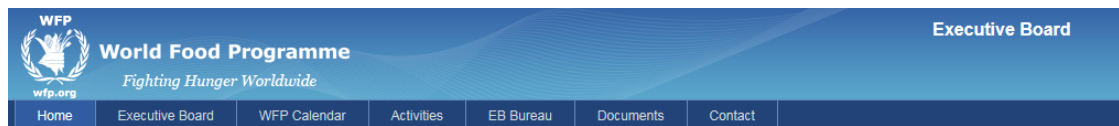
What does the Executive Board Secretariat do?

- Interface/Facilitator between Board & WFP Management
- Services provider to Board and Bureau
- Liaison with Permanent Representations
- Secretariat support to WFP Audit Committee

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This webpage was designed to facilitate and provide easy access to the work of the WFP Board, Bureau and related bodies. It offers information on their structures, roles, work and activities along with documents for Board sessions, informal consultations and briefings.

Calendar Highlights [2016 WFP Board Events at a glance](#)



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[FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT WFP- HQ IN DECEMBER 2016](#)

2 December

- Brindisi - Logistics Response Team (LRT) Training (**being postponed**)

9 December

- Closing ceremony of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

13 December

- Executive Board Bureau meeting
- Audit Committee Executive Session with the Executive Board Bureau

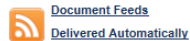


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