

WFP Governance

A brief introduction



World Food Programme

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**

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

The Executive Board

Board Members oversee the organization's activities



The Executive Board

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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

Where WFP Fits in UN System



The United Nations System



UN Principal Organs

General Assembly

Security Council

Economic and Social Council

Secretariat

International Court of Justice

Trusteeship Council⁶

Subsidiary Organs

Main and other sessional committees
Disarmament Commission
Human Rights Council
International Law Commission
Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

UNDP United Nations Development Programme
 • **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
 • **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
UNEP² United Nations Environment Programme
UNFPA United Nations Population Fund
UN-HABITAT³ United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund
WFP World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

Research and Training

UNIDIR United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNSSC United Nations System Staff College
UNU United Nations University

Other Entities

ITC International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
UNCTAD^{1,8} United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNHCR¹ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services
UNRWA¹ United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UN-Women¹ United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Related Organizations

CTBTO Preparatory Commission Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty Organization
IAEA^{1,5} International Atomic Energy Agency
ICC International Criminal Court
ISA International Seabed Authority
ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
OPCW⁷ Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
WTO^{1,4} World Trade Organization

Subsidiary Organs

Counter-terrorism committees
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
 Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT)
 Military Staff Committee
 Peacekeeping operations and political missions
 Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
 Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Advisory Subsidiary Body

Peacebuilding Commission

HLPF High-level Political Forum on sustainable development

Functional Commissions

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
Narcotic Drugs
Population and Development
Science and Technology for Development
Social Development
Statistics
Status of Women
United Nations Forum on Forests

Regional Commissions⁸

ECA Economic Commission for Africa
ECE Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Other Bodies

Committee for Development Policy
 Committee of Experts on Public Administration
 Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
 Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
UNADS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNEGN United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Research and Training

UNICRI United Nations International Crime and Justice Research Institute
UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Specialized Agencies^{1,5}

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization
IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO International Labour Organization
IMF International Monetary Fund
IMO International Maritime Organization
ITU International Telecommunication Union
UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNWTO World Tourism Organization
UPU Universal Postal Union
WHO World Health Organization
WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO World Meteorological Organization
World Bank Group⁷
 • **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 • **IDA** International Development Association
 • **IFC** International Finance Corporation

Departments and Offices

EOSG Executive Office of the Secretary-General
DESA Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DFS Department of Field Support
DGACM Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
DM Department of Management
DPA Department of Political Affairs
DPI Department of Public Information
DPKO Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DSS Department of Safety and Security
OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OIOS Office of Internal Oversight Services
OLA Office of Legal Affairs
OSAA Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
PBSO Peacebuilding Support Office
SRSO/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
SRSO/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
UNISDR United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

UNODA United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
UNODC¹ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOG United Nations Office at Geneva
UN-OHRLS Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
UNON United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNOP² United Nations Office for Partnerships
UNOV United Nations Office at Vienna

Notes:

- All members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-à-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the GA.
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-organizational level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies but are part of the World Bank Group in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

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.)

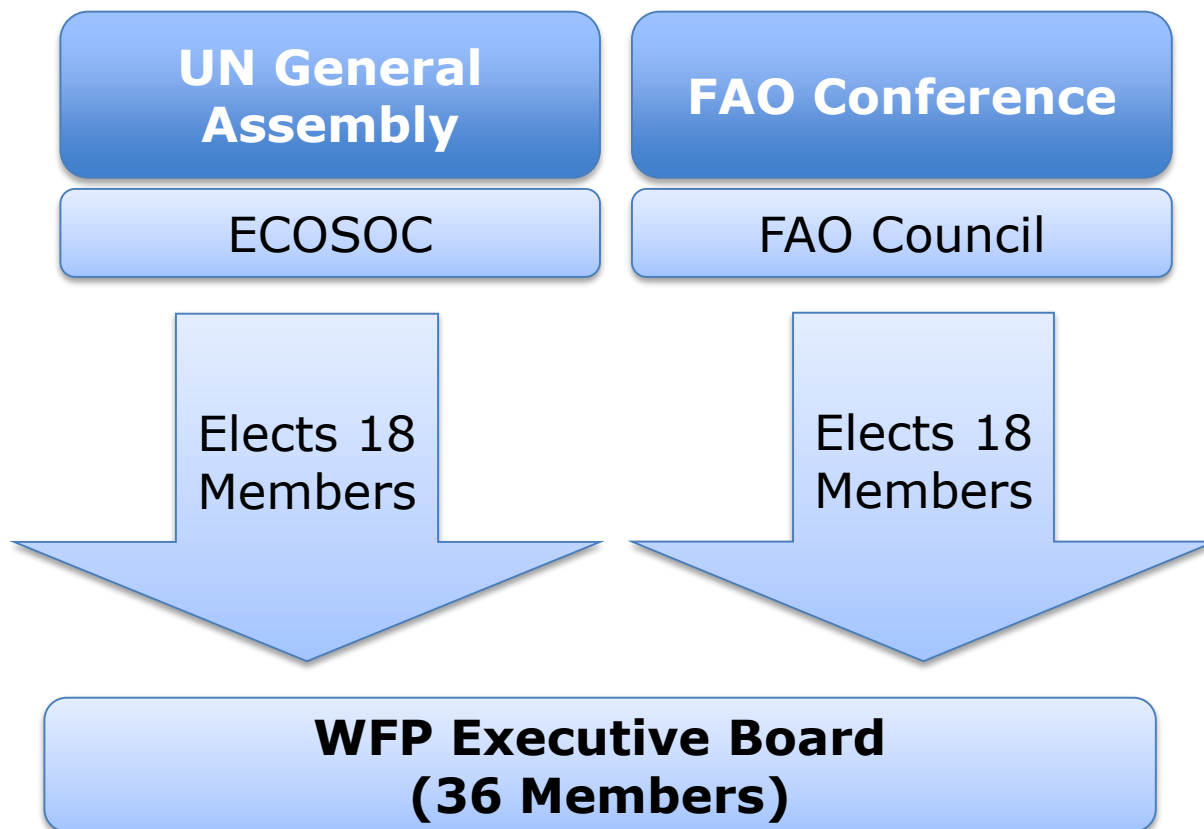
IFAD

- 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



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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



2015 Bureau

- **President:** Mr Samuel Beever (*Australia, List D*)
- **Vice President:** H.E. Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klée (*Guatemala, List C*)
- **Member:** Mr Robert Sabiiti (*Uganda, List A*)
- **Member:** H.E. Saywan Sabir Mustafa Barzani (*Iraq, List B*)
- **Member:** Mr Victor Fedorinov (*Russian Federation, List E*)

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)

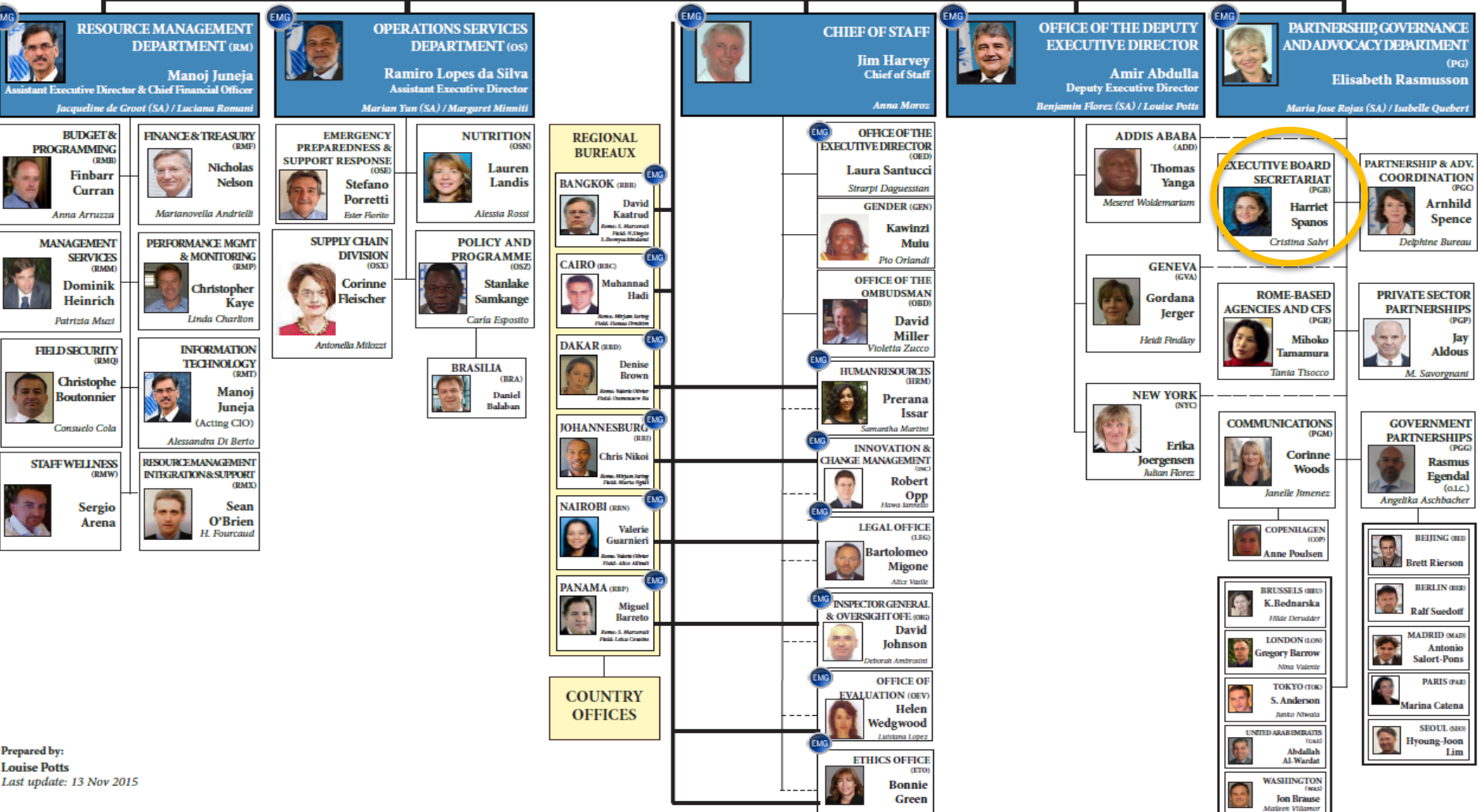


Governance group formulated to improve 3 major Board functions: info-sharing, consensus building & decision-making

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

Where the Executive Board Secretariat fits in WFP

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Ertharin Cousin
Philip Young



Executive Board Secretariat

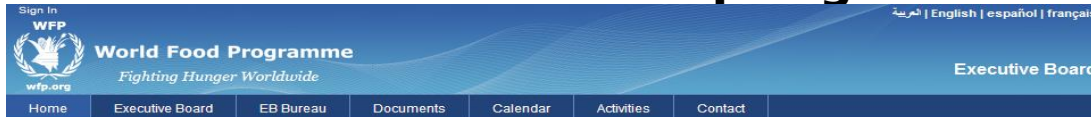


What does the Executive Board Secretariat do?

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

How you can connect with us

EB Webpage: executiveboard.wfp.org



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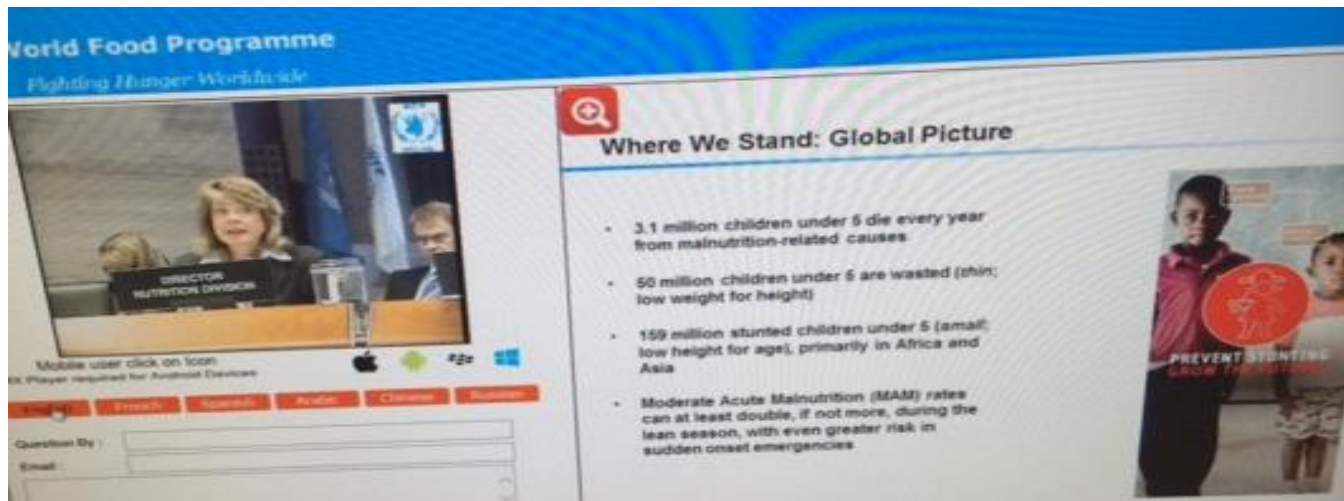
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