



WFP Headquarters Key Areas

Since November 2015, the Executive Board Secretariat has been arranging governance briefings and tours of the main Executive Board facilities for visiting high-level ministerial or parliamentary delegations.

If you and your Embassy/Mission are organizing a visit of a high-level delegation to HQ, please contact the Executive Board Secretariat to include this briefing in your agenda.

The programme includes a mini governance briefing and the following elements as part of the tour (please also refer to corresponding map), depending on the time your delegation has available.

A. Wall of Inspiration

In honour of WFP staff who sacrificed their lives in the line of service: during recent refurbishment, the Wall was moved to the lobby to ensure that all who enter WFP will pay tribute to WFP staff who lost their lives in the line of duty over the years to feed the most hungry and vulnerable.



B. Nobel Peace Prize Medal Exhibition

When you enter the headquarters in Rome, on the right side of the main lobby, you will be captivated by a shape that will catch your eye. A handmade circular brass display that stands almost suspended in the air hosts the Nobel Peace Prize Medal awarded to WFP in 2020.



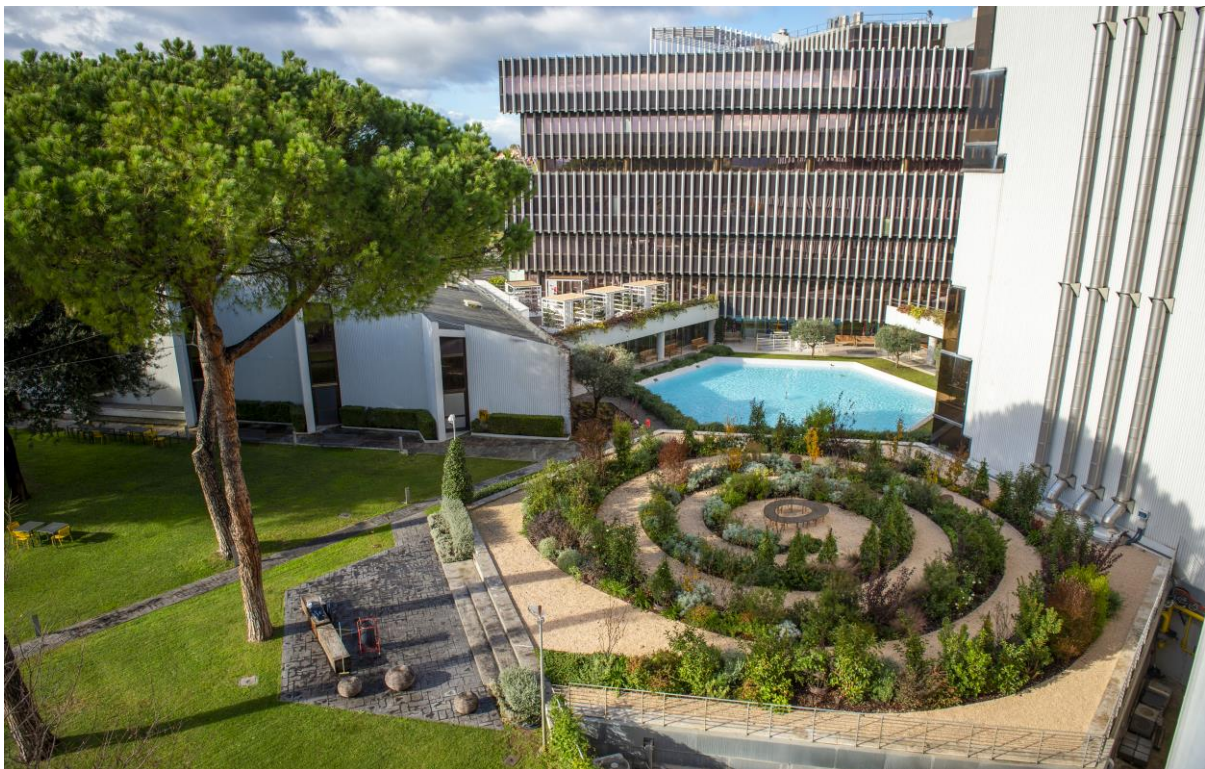
Also displayed is the Nobel Peace Prize Diploma, which is designed by a different Norwegian artist every year. Beside it the transcript of the official announcement of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee of WFP being awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize, and a quote from ED's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech: "We believe food is the pathway to peace".

C. Tanzanian woman statue

On the left side of the lobby entrance area of WFP you will also find a statue of a Tanzanian woman. Despite the extreme poverty, restricted access to vital resources, care and education, despite her desperate living conditions, that woman stood firm and strong. Her dignity was her most valuable possession. Her spirit of survival and perseverance were visible to the naked eye. This is what the Dutch sculptor Marianne Houtkamp wanted to capture with this statue.

D. Peace Garden

From the main entrance, a glass wall provides light and opens onto the Peace Garden around the reflection pool, which is surrounded by five olive trees, each representing one of the regions where WFP operates. Benches, tables and chairs are available for staff and visitors to gather and side event luncheons are also held there. The Peace Garden emphasizes WFP's continuous efforts to reach, feed and empower the hungry, including in war and other challenging environments. Across from the garden is the WFP Child Care Centre launched in 2015, awarded Platinum LEED.



Pictured below: Peace Garden (back of the photo) and Bloom Garden (front of the photo)

E. Bloom Garden

Located beside the Peace Garden, the Bloom Garden was inaugurated in June 2020 by the Executive Director. The initial idea of the Bloom Garden originated from the desire to honour the eight colleagues who lost their lives in the Ethiopian Airlines ET 302 accident, in 2019. What was first thought of as a memorial garden transformed into a living symbol of unity and an open space for reflection and inspiration dedicated to all WFP's people. *"The Bloom Garden is dedicated to you and the generations before and after you,"* said David Beasley, former WFP Executive Director. *"The women and men who make our incredible WFP family all that it is. I want this place to be a source of encouragement and inspiration for us all, somewhere where we can come to think, meditate, and reflect on what each one of us can do to make this world a better place."*

F. "Lion of Babylon"

A gift given to WFP by the former Ambassador of Iraq, H.E. Saywan Sabir Mustafa Barzani, in November 2015 [...] *the lion is a symbol of leadership courage, agility and strength, qualities embodied by the World Food Programme as it carries out its noble mandate to achieve a Zero hunger world.*

G. Office of the EB President

Photos are displayed of the current and previous ten Executive Board Bureaux elected at the First Regular Session.

H. Office of the Bureau

This is where the Bureau used to meet to plan the Board's programme of work. During the EB sessions, the meeting room is used by WFP's Ceremonial Protocol Unit to accommodate high-level guests. The wall displays photographs of WFP Executive Board field visits, serving as a tangible representation of the Board Members' first-hand exposure to WFP's programs and operations.

I. Aula Delegatis

This area serves as an overflow area during Executive Board sessions for delegates to congregate and network and where photos of the current and previous ten Board Presidents are displayed.

J. Forum

During the EB sessions, this meeting room is used mainly to accommodate Executive Board members' needs. It was built with 100% recycled products; the chairs are made from old tires. Awarded Platinum LEED in 2016.

K. Flag Wall

Where all of WFP's membership country flags are displayed.

L. Quiet Room

The quiet room is reserved for personal reflection and prayer purposes.

M. Executive Directors Wall

Photo display of the former Executive Directors.

N. Auditorium:

The venue of the Executive Board formal and informal sessions. The oval table format accommodates 36 Members of the Executive Board and the European Union as Permanent and Special Observer, who sit across and next to WFP Management. Many Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives have cited this as a best practice example of a UN forum that facilitates dialogue and consensus building. According to the 2017 Vice-President of the WFP Executive Board, the Membership and the Secretariat *'speak to each other and not over each other'* in this format.



O. The Values Reflection Courtyard



The Values Reflection Courtyard, an outdoor space at HQ that will serve as a longstanding reminder of the importance of our values in our daily work.

Located just outside the right-hand side entrance of the auditorium this interactive mirror installation was developed in 2021 for the Workplace Culture Department. It serves as a place for colleagues and visitors to reflect on themselves and their personal connection to our corporate values: integrity, collaboration, commitment, humanity, and inclusion.

"As part of our activities to reinforce the core values that we had identified collectively, we asked ourselves, how can we send a signal that our values represent our foundation and are here to stay?" explains Gina Casar, former AED Workplace Culture.

P. Blue Tower Cafeteria

Located near the main entrance; its coffee bar is open from 07:30 to 17:00 and its meal service is available from 12:00 to 14:30, provided by Elixir Srl. Representatives can find a range of hot and cold dishes of varying cuisines and consume them in the canteen, gazebo or Peace Garden.

Q. @Red

Located on the ground floor of the Red Tower, @Red is provided by EdenCaffè Srl. It offers breakfast and restaurant services with a wide selection of fresh, organic and Fair-Trade certified products. The coffee bar is open from 7:30 to 17:00 and the meal service is available from 12:00 to 14:00 with three turns of reservation.

R. 0R00 Red meeting room

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S. OPSCEN Located at 5th floor, Yellow Tower:

The Operational Information Management and Operations Centre Unit provides a global consistent and timely common operating picture of WFP operations, enabling situational awareness. The 24/7 Operations Centre (OPSCEN) is designed to facilitate information sharing, communication and coordination of efforts to respond to an emergency. Specific operational thematic briefings could be arranged depending on the interests of your delegation.

T. Library and Research Centre Located at 1st floor Green Tower

Managed by the Innovation and Knowledge Management Division, the WFP Library & Research Centre helps WFP staff worldwide and external users to access information from WFP internal and external sources related to the organization's areas of work. Representatives may avail of its research services and quiet areas both inside (which includes free WIFI and computer services) and outside (terrace).

U. Gift shop/Newsstand, HQ Service Centre, Pharmacy

The HQ Service Centre is located outside the main HQ building, directly across from @Red. It houses all of HQ's external services that operate at different times and days, including insurance, vehicle services, credit unions, express courier service for private shipments, tailoring, and more. The HQ Service Centre also houses the Gift Shop, which offers Italian and international reading material, gifts, train tickets, mobile phone top-up and bill payment services in Rome, as well as official merchandise. It is open Monday to Friday from 08:30 to 16:00.

The Santa Sabina Pharmacy, located next to the HQ Service Centre, is staffed by a team of qualified pharmacists and a cosmetic consultant and is open Monday

to Friday from 12:00 to 15:30. The pharmacy has an agreement with the WFP Insurance Company, CIGNA.

V. Wellness path

The Wellness Path consists of a 460-metre lap around the main HQ building with five exercise and movement stations strategically placed along the way. It takes approximately 5 minutes to complete the path.