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Annotated provisional agenda

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 agenda for the 2023 annual session of the Board. During the session the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by the deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. *Election to fill vacant positions in the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur*

The Board shall elect Bureau members to replace representatives who have left the Bureau.

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. *Annual reports*

a) Annual performance report for 2022

General Rule VII.2 states: "Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for its consideration and approval** an annual report and other reports as directed by the Board." Governance recommendation (h), approved by the Board at its third regular session in 2000 (decision 2000/EB.3/1 – Follow-up to Executive Board Decision 2000/EB.A/6 on Governance), states: "An Annual Performance Report should be developed based on the Biennial Management Plan previously approved."

The annual performance report for 2022 aims to present a relevant and evidence-based analysis of WFP's performance, reflecting the commitments made for the year as defined in the strategic and management plans.

b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2022

The annual report of the Ethics Office will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Ethics Office in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022 and will provide information about its activities.

- c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2022 and management note

The annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022 and will provide information about its activities.

5. *Policy issues*

- a) Cash policy

As suggested by the Secretariat and in view of the huge increase of the implementation of cash-based transfers since their introduction in WFP operations in 2009, a cash policy will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

- b) Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2022)

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 will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- c) South-South and triangular cooperation policy update

Building on the recommendations of the evaluation of the WFP South-South and triangular cooperation policy presented at the 2021 second regular session, an update of the policy will be presented to the Board **for its approval**.

- d) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)

As agreed by the Bureau at its 10 February 2022 meeting, the Secretariat will provide an annual update to the Board on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279, on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. The update will be presented **for consideration**.

- e) Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS

The document gives a progress report on the implementation of WFP's HIV and AIDS policy (WFP/EB.2/2010/4-A) in the context of continued scaling-up of treatment with anti-retroviral drugs. It also describes recent successes in integrating food and nutrition into Global Fund proposals related to HIV and tuberculosis. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

6. *Resource, financial and budgetary matters*

- a) Audited annual accounts, 2022

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2022. They also contain a review by the External Auditor of the financial statements, which provides an independent assessment for the Secretariat and the Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of the annual financial statements. This item will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (ACABQ) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee.

b) Report on the utilization of WFP's strategic financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2022)

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility from 1 January to 31 December 2022. This item will be 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.

c) Annual report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

At its 2009 first regular session, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as a body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. At the 2021 second regular session of the Board, the title was changed to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee in recognition of its revised terms of reference. This annual report will cover the activities of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the Committee for the period under review. This item will be 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) Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board is provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities.

This report covering 2022 provides the oversight perspective regarding WFP's governance, risk management and control and provides overviews of the activities of the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Internal Audit and the Office of Inspections and Investigations. The report is submitted together with a note by the Executive Director. The two items will be 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.

e) Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2022

The Secretariat will provide further description and analysis of the significant risk and control matters which have been highlighted in the 2022 Executive Director's Statement on Internal Control available in the audited annual accounts for 2022, and which have been prioritized for attention in 2023. The analysis will draw on the review of feedback provided by global management in the 2022 Executive Director Assurance Exercise and references evidence from internal oversight bodies. This item will be 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.

f) Report of the External Auditor on support services and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations

In 2022, the External Auditor conducted two performance audits which focused on economy, efficiency and effectiveness in line with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions on support services and fuel management. This item will include the report on the findings of the audit on support services and the response by the Secretariat to the recommendations contained in the report. Both documents will be 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.

g) Report of the External Auditor on fuel management and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations

In 2022, the External Auditor conducted two performance audits which focused on economy, efficiency and effectiveness in line with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions on support services and fuel management. This item will include the report on the findings of the audit on fuel management and the response by the Secretariat to the recommendations contained in the report. Both documents will be 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.

h) Report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations

This report summarizes actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the External Auditor's recommendations. This item will be 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.

i) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2022

In accordance with General Rule XIII.4 (f), this report is submitted to the Executive Board **for information** and provides a summary of contributions that do not achieve full cost recovery received from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors (General Rule XIII.4 (c)); contributions with reductions or waivers of indirect support costs and, where applicable, direct support costs of an activity or activities (General Rule XIII.4 (d)) and; contributions from governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition with a reduced indirect support cost rate as set by the Board (General Rule XIII.4 (e)).

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

j) Utilization of the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account reserve

Given that the balance of the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account at the beginning of 2023 was significantly higher than projected in the management plan (2023–2025) due to the exceptionally high level of contributions in 2022, the Secretariat will submit a proposal to strengthen the Immediate Response Account with a transfer of USD 100 million from the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account. This item will be 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.

7. ***Evaluation reports***

a) Annual evaluation report for 2022 and management response

The annual evaluation report provides an overview of centralized and decentralized evaluations completed, conducted and planned. It examines the performance of the WFP evaluation function and highlights areas for attention in coming years. This item is presented **for consideration**.

b) Summary report on the evaluation of the policy on country strategic plans and management response

This evaluation report will provide an analysis and assessment of the implementation of the policy on country strategic plans, approved by the Board at its 2016 second regular session as part of the Integrated Road Map. This item is presented **for consideration**.

c) Summary report on the evaluation of the disaster risk reduction and climate change policies and management response

This evaluation of disaster risk reduction and climate change will combine separate evaluations of the two policies that were respectively approved at the 2011 second regular session of the Board and at the 2017 first regular session. This item is presented **for consideration**.

d) Summary report on the evaluation of the policy on building resilience for food security and nutrition and management response

This evaluation report will provide an analysis and assessment of the implementation of the policy on building resilience for food security and nutrition, approved by the Board at its 2015 annual session. This item is presented **for consideration**.

e) Summary evaluation reports on country strategic plans and management responses

The evaluations provide an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plans. They evaluate the performance and results and provide evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation. Summary evaluation reports and management responses will be presented, **for consideration**, for the following country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans:

1. Egypt (2018–2023)
2. Kenya (2018–2023)
3. Zambia (2019–2023)

f) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

This document presents the annual status report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations presented to the Board. It describes the actions taken by headquarters divisions, regional bureaux and country offices to implement evaluation recommendations. This item is presented **for consideration**.

8. **Operational matters**

a) Country strategic plans

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

1. Egypt country strategic plan (2023-2028)
2. Kenya country strategic plan (2023-2027)
3. Pacific multi-country strategic plan (2023-2027)
4. Zambia country strategic plan (2023-2028)

b) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities*

An oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities will be presented to the Board **for information**.

9. Organizational and procedural matters

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2023–2024)

Further to a request by the Board at its 2004 third regular session, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2023–2024) will be presented **for information**.

10. Administrative and managerial matters

a) Appointment of the Director of Evaluation

As per the WFP evaluation policy 2022 approved by the Board at its 2022 first regular session, the Board will approve the appointment of the Director of Evaluation on the basis of the proposal put forward by the Executive Director and in line with the selection process set up in the policy. This item will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

b) Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The second term of one member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee will come to an end on 29 July 2023. The Board will appoint one new member on the basis of the recommendations by the selection panel. This item will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

c) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board

As per procedure established in 2012, staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

d) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2022*

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for information**, a report on food losses incurred prior to and after delivery in recipient countries.

At its 2000 annual session the Board “encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were further reduced and seek monetary reimbursement from those governments which had lost commodities through negligence”. The report describes the measures taken by WFP to keep pre- and post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2022. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

e) Update on food procurement*

At the Board’s 2006 first regular session Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to the policy outlined in the document entitled “Food Procurement in Developing Countries” (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This report, presented **for information**, provides: i) statistics on food procurement; ii) an update on food procurement capacity; and iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement. In accordance with General Rule XII.4, the report will also cover the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities in developing countries.

* Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

- f) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2022

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report outlining WFP staffing as at 31 December 2022. It provides the number of international professional and higher category staff holding indefinite, continuing or fixed term (one year or more) appointments and junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional and higher category staff.

- g) Security report*

At its 2007 second regular session, the Board requested that the WFP security report be shared with Board members. This document presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2022 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

- h) Oral update from the President on the Governance Review Project*

Further to the Bureau-led governance review which was carried out during the first half of 2023, the President will provide information about the review process and will propose steps for the Board's engagement in the review process. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

11. Summary of the work of the 2023 first regular session of the Executive Board

In accordance with the Board's decision at its 1996 second regular session on its methods of work, the summary of work of the 2023 first regular session is submitted **for approval**.

12. Other business

- a) Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP*

An oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women, and WFP will be presented to the Board **for information**.

- b) Update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service*

At the request of the Bureau, an update on the operations and activities of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service will be presented to the Board **for information**.

13. Verification of adopted 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.

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