

# Induction Session on Executive Board Governance

25 March 2026



World Food  
Programme

# AGENDA

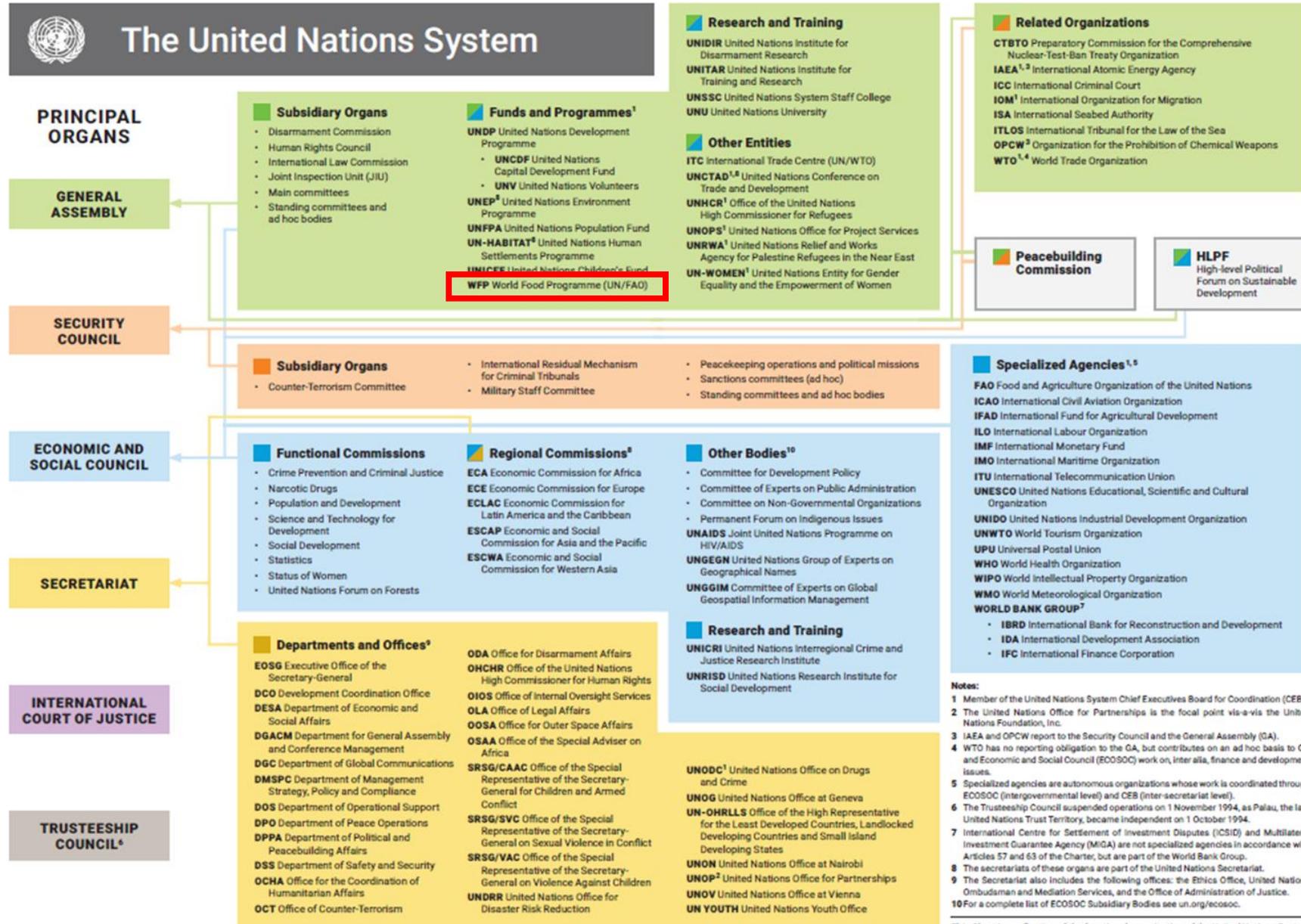
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| 09:30 – 09:45 | <b>Opening remarks</b>  |
| 09:45 – 11:00 | <b>Agenda item 1:</b> Introduction to WFP Executive Board Governance                                |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee break  |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | <b>Agenda item 2:</b> Board engagement in field visits and joint meetings                           |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | <b>Agenda item 3:</b> Conference, Documentation and Digital Governance Services                     |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | <b>Agenda item 4:</b> Ceremonial Protocol Services  |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | <b>Closing session</b><br><i>(Followed by guided tour of WFP ground floor landmarks - Optional)</i> |

# GOVERNANCE INDUCTION OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of key governance roles and procedures of the WFP Executive Board.
- Highlight key items on the Board's agenda for 2026.
- Outline opportunities for engaging in Board field visits and joint meetings.
- Clarify what support you can expect from the Board Secretariat.

**Agenda item 1:  
Introduction to WFP Executive  
Board Governance**

# WHERE WFP SITS IN THE UN SYSTEM



# HOW GOVERNANCE WORKS AT WFP

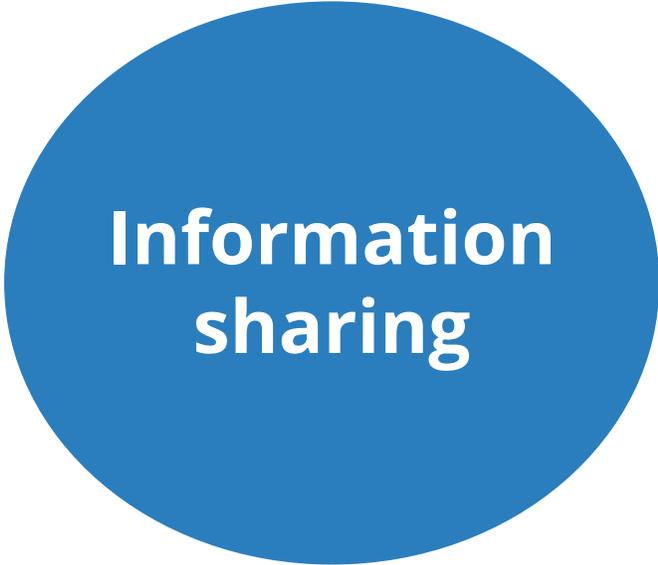
## **Executive Board (36 Members)**

- Intergovernmental oversight
- Provides policy direction
- Approves programme, projects and WFP activities
- Accountability to the FAO Council and ECOSOC

## **WFP Secretariat (WFP Management)**

- Administers WFP
- Implements programmes, projects and activities
- Provides accountability to the Board

# KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD



**Information  
sharing**

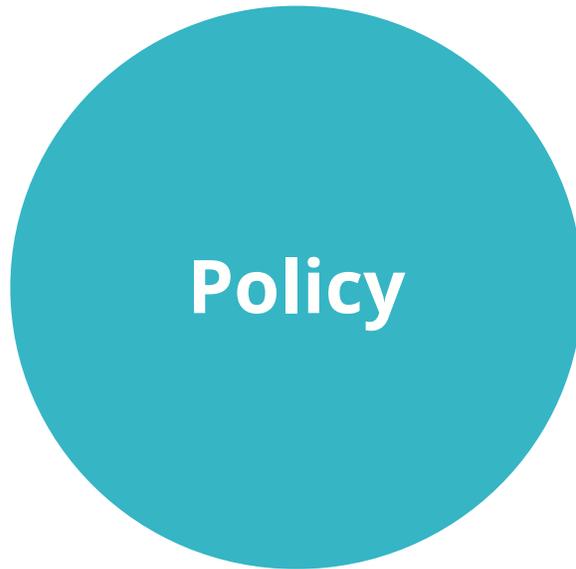


**Dialogue &  
consensus  
building**

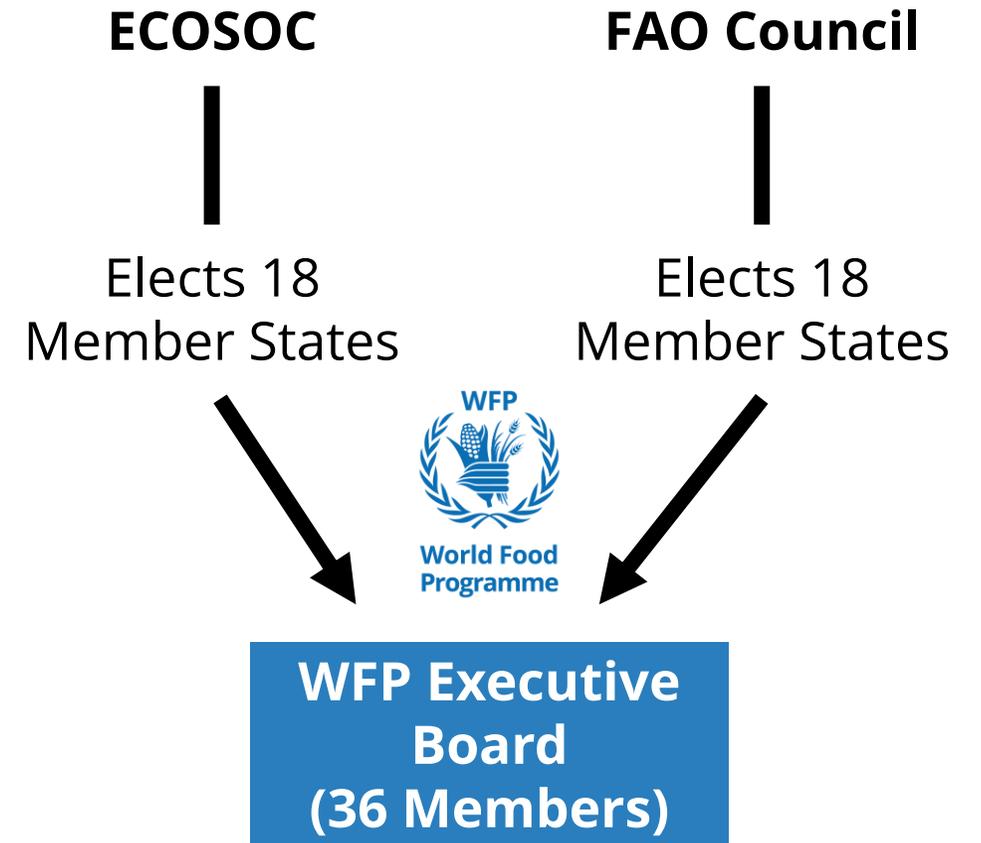


**Decision  
making**

# WFP GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS



# HOW THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS CONSTITUTED



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## Electoral 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** North America, Western Europe,  
Japan, Australia and  
New Zealand 12 members

**List E** Central and Eastern Europe 3 members

+1 rotational seat from  
Lists A, B and C  
(elected via FAO Council)

# EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION MAKING – FORMAL SESSIONS

## Three formal sessions annually:

- Split first regular session (January and February)
- Annual session (June)
- Second regular session (November)

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## Board Languages\*:

English | Français | Español | العربية

*\*For informal sessions only.*

*For formal sessions, interpretation is also in **Chinese** and **Russian** and documents going to the FAO Finance Committee are also translated into Chinese and Russian*

## Documents tabled can be:

- For Decision
- For Information

**Decisions are made by  
consensus**

# INFORMAL SESSIONS

Meeting type	Purpose	Chair
Informal consultation	To allow Board members and WFP management to discuss agenda items that require Board decisions	Bureau member(s)
Briefing or update (operations and policies)	To update Board members and observers on critical operational or policy issues	WFP management
Briefing or update (oversight)	To update Board members and observers on oversight issues	President or Vice-President of the Board
Round table	To discuss evaluation findings	President or Vice-President of the Board

# THE EXECUTIVE BOARD BUREAU



## Functions of the Executive Board Bureau:

- Strategic planning of the work of the Executive Board
- Preparation and organization of Board meetings
- Promoting inclusive dialogue among Member States

## Current composition:

**President:** List C | H.E. Ms. Carla Barroso Carneiro | Brazil

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**Vice-President:** List E | Mr. Roman Diatka | Czechia

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**Member:** List A | H.E. Ms. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko | Angola

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**Member:** List B | Dr. Balaji Jujjavarapu | India

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**Member:** List D | H.E. Mr. Andreas Von Brandt | Germany

*Note: Bureau members are elected on ad personam basis at Part I of the First Regular Session for one year, with succession planning expected for Vice-President/President.*

# ADVISORY BODIES

**FAO Finance Committee**

**UN Advisory Committee  
on Administrative and  
Budgetary Questions  
(ACABQ)**

- Provides guidance on all matters related to WFP financial administration.
- Reviews and comments on:
  - Four-year Strategic Plan
  - Management Plan
  - Annual accounts
  - Other oversight and financial reports

# ADVISORY BODIES

## WFP Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC)

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Mr. Veerathai Santiprabhob (Thailand) -  
*Chairperson*

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Mr. Darshak Shah (Kenya)

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Ms. Margaret Dezse (Hungary)

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Ms. Laura Born (United States)

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Ms. Jessica Faieta (Ecuador)

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- A panel of 5 experts appointed in an advisory capacity to assist the Executive Board and the Executive Director.
- Ensures the effectiveness of WFP's internal control systems, risk management, audit and oversight functions and governance processes.
- Fully independent and external to the Executive Board and the WFP Secretariat.

# REPORTING ON OVERSIGHT MATTERS

- **External Auditor**
- **Inspector General and Oversight Office**
- **Office of Evaluation**

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- Ethics Office
  - Office of the Ombudsperson and Mediation Services
  - Risk Management Division

- Provides regular briefings to the Board.
- Together, uphold WFP's commitment to transparency, effectiveness and the highest governance standards.

# GOVERNANCE REVIEW (2022-2025)

**Strategic  
dialogue**

**Split first  
regular  
session**

**EB/EBB  
induction  
and  
handbook**

**Bureau  
members  
chairing  
informal  
consultations**

**Direct  
interactions  
with the  
IOAC**

**Board  
documents:  
for decision  
or for  
information**

**Focus of EB  
sessions  
aligned with  
governance  
frameworks**

**Strengthened  
oversight and  
accountability**

# KEY ITEMS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA IN 2026

- Strategic Dialogue (pre-EB.1/2026)
- Informal joint meeting of the RBA Governing Bodies (coordination by WFP)
- Amendments to WFP Financial Regulations (EB.A/2026)
- Management Plan (2027-2029) (EB.2/2026)
- 28 Country Strategic Plans

## ***Other thematic topics:***

- WFP's resourcing outlook
- UN80 initiative
- Consolidation of internal reforms

**Questions?**