

Induction Session on Executive Board Governance

28 March 2025

*Part I: Introduction to
Executive Board Governance*



AGENDA

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Welcome coffee |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Opening remarks |
| 09:45 – 11:00 | Agenda item 1: Introduction to WFP Executive Board Governance |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee break |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Agenda item 2: Board engagement in field visits and joint meetings |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Agenda item 3: Conference, Documentation and Digital Governance Services |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Agenda item 4: Ceremonial Protocol Services |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Closing session |

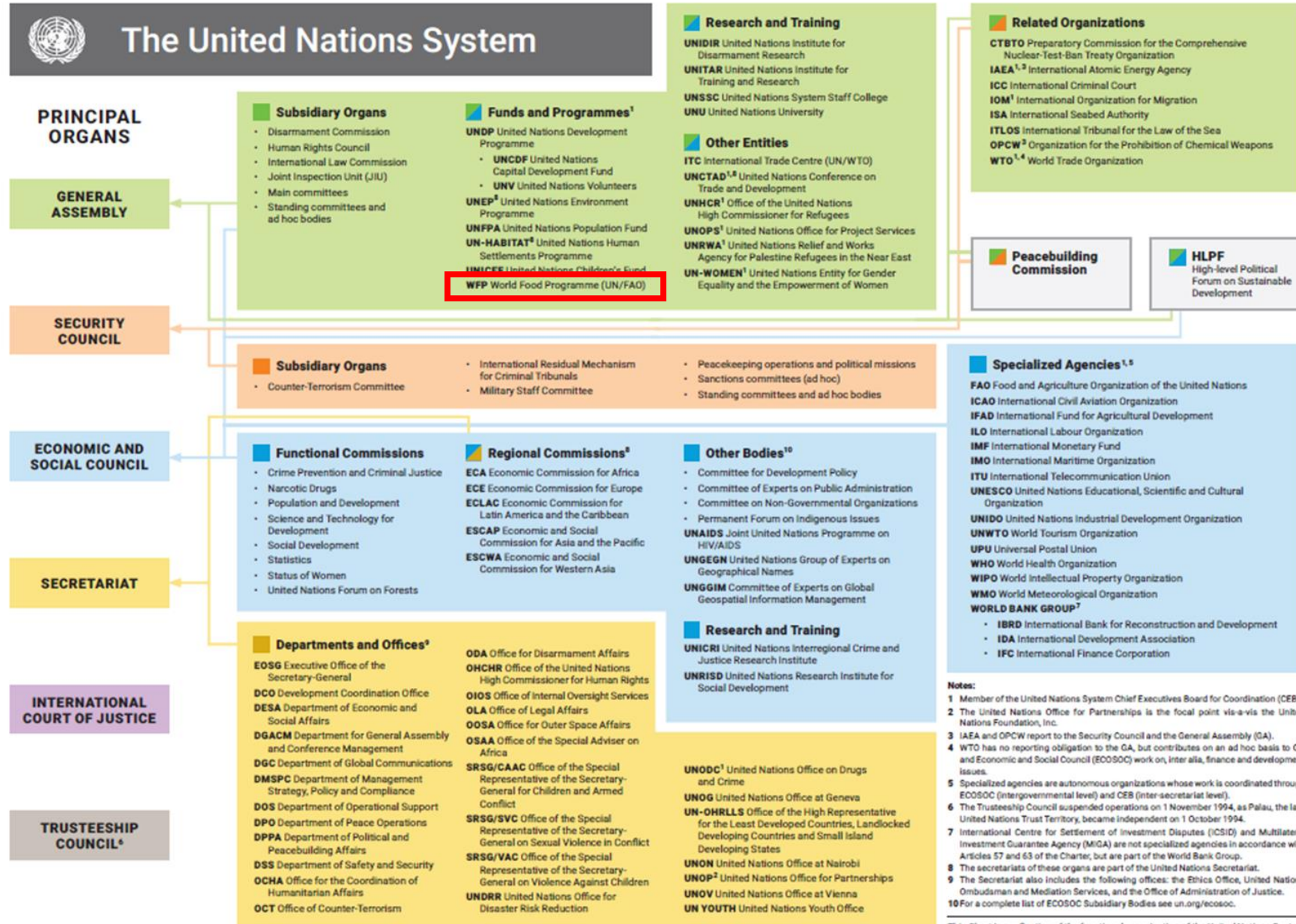
(Followed by guided tour of WFP ground floor landmarks - Optional)

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 2025.
- 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**

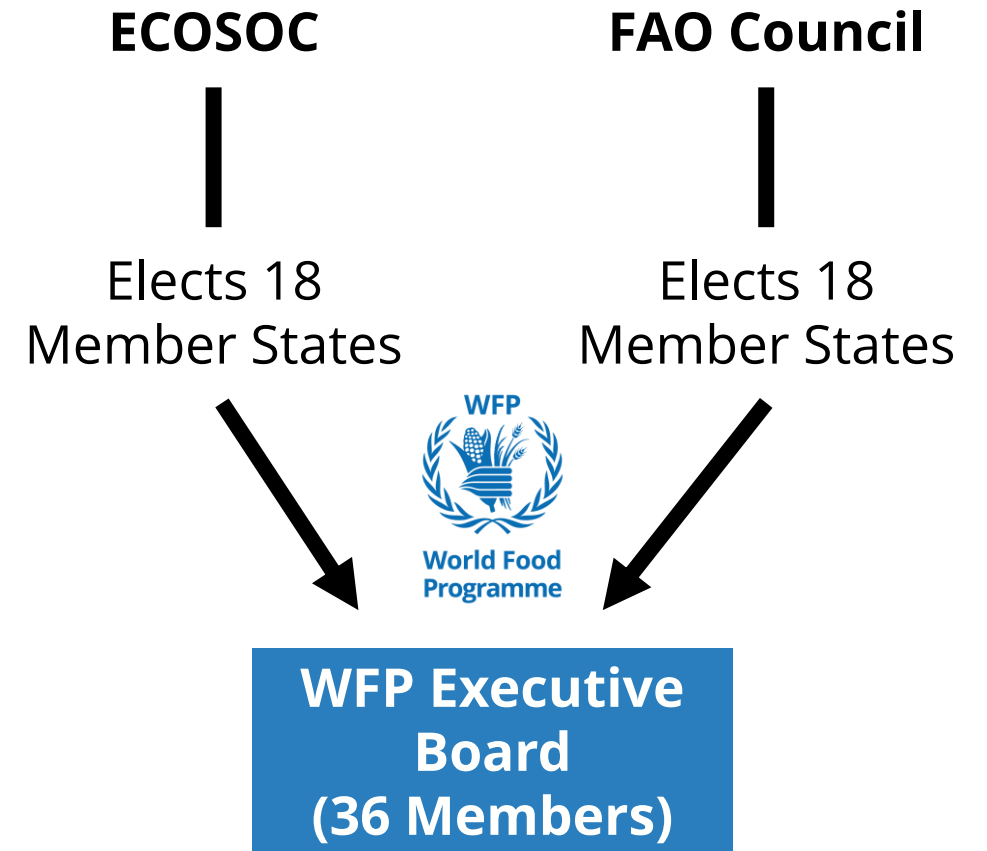


**Decision
making**

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)

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 D | H.E. Ms. Elissa Golberg | Canada

Vice-President: List C | Ms. Berioska Morrison Gonzalez | Dominican Republic

Member: List A | H.E. Mr. Fredrick Lusambili Matwang'a | Kenya

Member: List B | Dr. Balaji Jujjavarapu | India

Member: List E | Mr. Roman DIATKA | Czechia

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)

Mr. Veerathai Santiprabhob (Thailand) - *Chairperson*

Mr. Darshak Shah (Kenya)

Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas (Uruguay)

Ms. Margaret Dezse (Hungary)

Ms. Laura Born (United States)

- 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.

For further details, refer to the revised terms of reference of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (November 2021).

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

**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**

**Streamlined
Board
engagement
on Policy
Formulation**

KEY ITEMS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA IN 2025

- Strategic Plan (2026-2029) + Corporate Results Framework (2026-2029)
- First Strategic Dialogue (February 2025)
- Policy Formulation (February 2025)
- Localization Policy (June 2025)
- Management Plan (2026-2028) + update
- 15 Country Strategic Plans (June and November 2025)
- Joint Board activities (WFP - 2025 coordinating agency)

Questions?