

# ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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# INTRODUCTION

- 1. At its Fortieth Session the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (CFA) decided that for 1996 there should be three sessions of the Executive Board; a regular (organizational) session on 22 January, the annual session in April or May immediately followed or preceded by a regular session, and a third regular session in October or November. The agenda for each session would be essentially as indicated in document CFA 40/7, Annex I.
- 2. This paper proposes for the consideration of the Board the sequence of sessions, the dates for those sessions and an associated programme of work.

### SEQUENCE AND DATES OF MEETINGS

3. It is proposed that the Second Regular Session of the Board be held on 22 - 24 May, to be followed by the Annual Session to be held on 27 - 30 May 1996. The Third Regular Session could be held from 21 to 24 October 1996. These proposals take into account the provisional schedule of inter-governmental meetings convened by FAO and IFAD.

### ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

- 4. The draft annual programme of work has been based on the division of labour between the Annual and Regular Sessions, and the tentative agendas approved by CFA 40 (document CFA 40/15, paragraph 28 a). The principal change is the proposal to move the items dealing with Reports to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the FAO Council from the Second Regular Session to the Annual Session. This change is consistent with the intent of General Assembly resolution 48/162, and, with the re-scheduling of the sessions approved at the Fortieth Session of the CFA, can be accommodated with little additional risk of not being able to submit the reports in good time.
- 5. Attachment I sets out the indicative sequence of sessions and draft agendas as presented to CFA 40. Attachment II sets out the proposed sequence of sessions for 1996 based on the decisions of CFA 40; and a detailed draft programme of work. This programme of work could be adjusted by the Board in the light of experience and decisions taken in other inter-governmental fora.

#### RECOMMENDATION

6. The approval of the Board is sought for the sequence of sessions and the draft programme of work set out in Attachment II.

#### ATTACHMENT I

#### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS AND AGENDAS**

Mid-end January: First regular meeting (one day) Organizational and administrative matters Programme of work

i) Election of the Bureau (President and Vice-Presidents)

Consultations on the resource situation

- ii) Discussion of the programme of work for the year: agendas and dates of regular and annual meetings
- iii) Administrative matters and managerial matters

followed or preceded by: (one day)

March Second regular meeting (three to five days) i) Resource allocation plan

#### ii) Operational matters:

- Update on emergency operations
- Country Strategy Outlines
- Country programmes/projects
- Protracted relief operations
- Progress reports
- Evaluation reports
- Report on post c.i.f. losses
- iii) Reports:
  - Annual Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and FAO Council in compliance with the revised General Regulations
  - Annual Report of the Executive Director through the Executive Board to ECOSOC on implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199 (ECOSOC decision 1994/133)
  - Annual Report of the Executive Director through the Executive Board to ECOSOC on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the ECOSOC (ECOSOC decision 1994/33)
  - Identification of specific problems, opportunities and areas in which ECOSOC could provide cross-sectoral coordination (ECOSOC resolution E.1995/L.66)
  - Humanitarian issues (ECOSOC resolution E/1995/L.62)

May/June Annual Meeting (five days)

October/November

(three to five days)

Third regular meeting

Policy matters:

- i) Policies for the use of WFP food aid in relief and development activities
- ii) New Programme initiatives
- iii) National and international food aid programmes and policies
- iv) WFP resource policies
- v) Annual Report of the Executive Director
- vi) Strategic and Financial Plan<sup>1</sup>
- vii) Pledging target<sup>1</sup>
- i) Financial reports
- ii) Budget<sup>1</sup>
- iii) Operational matters
  - Update on emergency operations
  - Country Strategy Outlines
  - Country programmes/projects
  - Protracted relief operations
  - Progress reports
  - Evaluation reports
  - Humanitarian issues (ECOSOC resolution E/1995/L.62)

<sup>1</sup> In odd-numbered years.

# **ATTACHMENT II**

#### DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1996

Session	Date(s)	Main Agenda Items
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1st Regular (Organizational) Session	22 January 1996	Organizational and procedural matters:
		(i) Election of officers of the ExBoard
		(ii) Methods of work and Rules of Procedure of the ExBoard
		(iii) Annual Programme of Work of the ExBoard
		(iv) Revision of WFP's Financial Regulations
2nd Regular Session	22 - 24 May 1996	Resource and financial matters:
		(i) Contributions made under new model
		(ii) Report on bilateral operations
		(iii) Budgetary performance report 1994-95
		Personnel and administrative matters:
		(i) List and statistics of WFP internat'l professional staff
		(ii) Progress report on the major refurbishing project
		Operational matters:
		(i) Report on emergency operations
		(ii) Country Strategy Outlines: Colombia, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Viet Nam, Yemen
		(iii) Development projects for approval by the ExBoard: Cape Verde, China, Cuba, Haiti, Niger, Viet Nam
		(iv) Development projects with budget increases for approval by the ExBoard: Morocco, Sudan
		<ul><li>(v) Development projects approved by the Executive Director: Senegal</li></ul>
		(vi) Protracted relief operations approved by the Executive Director: Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Sri Lanka
		(vii) Progress reports on development projects: China, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru
		(viii) Evaluation reports on protracted relief operations (Bangladesh/Myanmar and Mozambique)
		(ix) Report on post c.i.f. losses

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Annual Session	27 - 30 May 1996	Policy matters/Reporting to ECOSOC:
		(i) Annual Report of the Executive Director
		(ii) Annual Report of the ExBoard to ECOSOC and the FAO Council
		(iii) Report to ECOSOC on reform and revitalization measures in WFP
		<ul> <li>(iv) Annual Report of the Executive Director through the ExBoard to ECOSOC on the implementation of UNGA resolution 47/199, ECOSOC resolution 1994/33 and UNGA draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.79, containing (a) a section outlining measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the triennial policy review of operational activities, and (b) a section on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment (i.e. strengthening collaboration between the UN development system and the Bretton Woods institutions in social and economic development)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>(v) Report to ECOSOC, identifying specific problems, opportunities and areas in which the Council could provide cross-sectoral coordination and overall guidance on a systemwide basis (ECOSOC resolution 1995/51)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>(vi) Progress report on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the UN (ECOSOC resolution 1995/56)</li> </ul>
3rd Regular Session	21 - 24 Oct. 1996	Resource and financial matters:
		(i) Update of indirect cost rates
		(ii) Report on bilateral operations
		(iii) Biennial accounts 1994-95/Report of the External Auditor
		(iv) Progress report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations, 1992-93
		Personnel and administrative matters:
		(i) Progress report on gender balance and the changing WFP staff profile

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		Policy matters/Reporting to ECOSOC:
		<ul> <li>(i) Report on implementation of ECOSOC resolution 1995/56 on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the UN, including issues con- cerning the role and operational responsibilities as well as the operative and financial capacities of UN organizations to respond, within their mandates, in the context of broad and comprehensive humanitarian programmes</li> </ul>
3rd Regular Session	21 - 24 Oct. 1996	Operational matters:
cont'd		(i) Report on emergency operations
		(ii) Country Strategy Outlines: Cambodia, Ecuador, Ghana, Jordan, Syria, Tajikistan
		(iii) Country programmes: Bangladesh, Bolivia, India, Mozambique, Pakistan
		(iv) Development projects for approval by the ExBoard: Egypt, Gaza, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Sudan, Syria
		<ul> <li>(v) Development projects with budget increases for approval by the ExBoard:</li> </ul>
		(vi) Development projects approved by the Executive Director: Chad, Egypt, Gambia, Zaire
		(vii) Protracted relief operations approved by the ExBoard: Angola, Afghanistan/Pakistan/Iran, Cambodia, Liberia Regional
		(viii) Protracted relief operations approved by the Executive Director: Algeria, Djibouti, Iran
		(ix) Progress reports on development projects: Côte d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Mali, Mozambique, Pakistan, Panama
		<ul> <li>(x) Evaluation reports on 2 protracted relief operations         <ul> <li>(Afghanistan and Liberia Regional), 2 development projects</li> <li>(India and Madagascar); thematic evaluation of urban services projects (Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mozambique and Zambia);</li> <li>ex-post evaluation of impact and sustainability of 4 development projects in China</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Other documents to be submitted in 1996:

- Country resource allocation plan
- information paper on outstanding balance of commitments (in the development portfolio)
- information paper on availability of resources and appeals
- document on standard provisions on accounting, appeals, reporting and budgeting
- review of the WFP/UNHCR MoU



- annual consolidated document of the WFP development portfolio
- progress reports on selected individual projects with improved format
- information on significant changes in approved country programmes
- progress report on the implementation of each country programme.

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