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Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2018–2019)

1. Since 2005, the biennial programme of work is submitted at the first regular and annual sessions for information and at the second regular session for approval. This document is therefore submitted to the Board for information.
2. The Biennial Programme of Work is a living document that is regularly updated on the basis of information received from the Secretariat and Board members; it is also reviewed regularly by the Bureau.

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¹ Following the introduction of a more flexible timeline for the implementation of the Integrated Road Map, the schedule for presenting country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans from the 2019 first regular session of the Executive Board onward is being reviewed and will be communicated regularly to the Board through the Bureau.

ANNOTATED BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (2018–2019)

(Classified by subject and session)

ANNUAL REPORTS

EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)

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The annual performance report for 2017 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.

- *Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2017 (C)*

The annual report of the Ethics Office will be presented to 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 2017 and will provide information about its activities.

- *Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman for 2016 (C)*

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EB.2/2018 (26–30 November)

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EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)

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POLICY ISSUES

EB.1/2018 (26–28 February)

- *Dialogue and update on the Report of the Secretary-General on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda (C)*

At the request of the Bureau at its meeting of 10 January 2018, the Board will have an opportunity to dialogue within the membership and receive an update from the WFP Secretariat on the Report of the Secretary-General on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda.

- *Compendium of policies relating to the Strategic Plan (I)*

This document is an updated version of the compendium of policies relating to the Strategic Plan presented to the Board at its 2017 second regular session. It includes adjustments on the schedule of evaluations of some policies in order to align it to the workplan of the Office of Evaluation, as presented to the Board in the Management Plan (2018–2020).

EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)

- *Private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy (A)*

The WFP private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2013/5-B) was approved by the Board at its annual session in 2013. A new strategy will be presented to the Board for its approval.

- *Urban food security policy (A)*

This policy will build on the document entitled “Urban Food Insecurity: Strategies for WFP”, approved by the Board in 2002, and will reflect recent research, WFP experience in urban contexts and the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development held in October 2016.

- *Update on the Integrated Road Map (A)*

Following the approval of the Integrated Road Map at the second regular session of 2016, the Secretariat will present an update on the implementation of its various components and will report on progress and on any needed adjustments.

- *Update on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response (C)*

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.

- *Update on the gender policy (I)*

When approving the gender policy (2015–2020) at its annual session in 2015, the Board requested that annual updates on implementation of the policy be presented.

- *Update on WFP’s response to HIV and AIDS (I)*

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.

EB.2/2018 (26–30 November)

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- *Revised Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021) (A)*

At its second regular session in 2016, the Board approved the Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021). To take due account of lessons learned through the implementation of the Integrated Road Map, the Secretariat will submit a revision of the Corporate Results Framework. This revision will focus in particular on the definition of strengthened indicators related to capacity development, on better identifying how WFP will contribute to Strategic Development Goals other than goals 2 and 17 and on further alignment with and support for national monitoring and reporting.

➤ *Enterprise risk management policy (A)*

As agreed during Board informal consultations on oversight matters held in 2017, the Secretariat will present an updated enterprise risk management policy for approval.

➤ *Risk appetite statement (C)*

As agreed during Board informal consultations on oversight matters in 2017, the Secretariat will present an updated risk appetite statement for consideration.

➤ *Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies (I)*

At its second regular session in 2010, the Board asked the Secretariat to report annually on Rome-based agency collaboration as a follow-up to the document entitled “Directions for collaboration among the Rome-based agencies” (WFP/EB.2/2009/11-C). The report provides a comprehensive overview on the collaboration, along with any new areas of collaboration, initiatives and partnerships for food and nutrition security.

➤ *Compendium of policies relating to the Strategic Plan (I)*

At its annual session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations contained in the report of the working group on governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. At the Board’s request in 2010, the compendium was reorganized to focus on policies relating to the goals of the Strategic Plan.

EB.1/2019 (25 February–1 March)

➤ *Country capacity strengthening policy (A)*

As a follow-up to the recommendations presented to the Board at the first regular session of 2017 in the evaluation of WFP’s policy on capacity development, the Secretariat will present a country capacity strengthening policy for approval.

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RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

For all items presented under this section, the Board will have before it, for information, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the FAO Finance Committee.

EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)

➤ *Audited annual accounts for 2017 (A)*

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2017. 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.

➤ *Overarching oversight framework (A)*

As requested by the Board at its Annual Session in 2017, the Secretariat will present an overarching oversight framework, taking into account the latest organizational developments made in that area over recent years.

➤ *Appointment of three members to the Audit Committee (A)*

The terms of three members of the Audit Committee come to an end in 2018; a panel will be set up in accordance with the Audit Committee terms of reference to select new members. This document will present the recommendations to the Board for approval.

➤ *Utilization of the programme support and administration equalization account reserve (A)*

In 2017, the balance in the PSA Equalization Account increased substantially, owing in large part to the high level of funding received. The Secretariat will present proposals for the utilization of this balance to the Board for approval.

➤ *Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2017) (A)*

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility, including the Forward Purchase Facility, from 1 January to 31 December 2017. The document will also present a proposal for a one-time increase of the Global Commodity Management Facility ceiling on WFP's reserves, for approval by the Board.

➤ *Annual report of the Audit Committee (C)*

At its first regular session in 2009, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as an independent advisory body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. This annual report will cover the activities of the Audit Committee from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the Committee for the period under review.

➤ *Annual report of the Inspector General (C) and note by the Executive Director (C)*

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 2017 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.

➤ *Reports of the External Auditor on management matters (C) and WFP management responses to the External Auditor's recommendations (c)*

To draw attention to the priorities agreed by the Board, the External Auditor has selected areas of high importance in terms of their significance to the efficient and effective operation of WFP and the scale of resources devoted to them. Each report on management matters focuses on a single area. As requested by the Board at its annual session in 2008, the response by the Secretariat to the recommendations contained in the report is also presented.

➤ *Report on the implementation of the External Auditor recommendations (C)*

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

➤ *Report of the Executive Director on the utilization of contributions and waivers of costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (h))–(I)*

In accordance with General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (h), this report is submitted to the Board for information. It covers the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities, contributions of commodities or services only from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors and reductions or waivers for indirect support costs in respect of in-kind contributions to cover direct support costs.

EB.2/2018 (26–30 November)➤ *WFP Management Plan (2019–2021) (A)*

The Board will have before it, for approval, the Management Plan for the period 2019–2021, including WFP's budget for 2019.

➤ *Work plan of the External Auditor (I)*

This document presents the work plan of the External Auditor, detailing the audit activities for the period 2018–2019. Adherence to international standards on auditing and proven audit methods will form the basis of the External Auditor's assurance of providing high-quality services to WFP. The work plan covers financial, performance and compliance audits as well as quality reviews and individual audit assessments.

EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)➤ *Audited annual accounts, 2018 (A)*

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2018. 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 annual financial statements.

➤ *Annual report of the Audit Committee (C)*

At its first regular session in 2009, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as an independent advisory body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. This annual report will cover the activities of the Audit Committee from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the committee for the period under review.

➤ *Annual report of the Inspector General (C) and note by the Executive Director (C)*

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 2018 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. This report is submitted together with a note by the Executive Director.

➤ *Reports of the External Auditor on management matters (c) and WFP management responses to the External Auditor's recommendations (c)*

To draw attention to the priorities agreed by the Board, the External Auditor has selected areas of high importance in terms of their significance to the efficient and effective operation of WFP and the scale of resources devoted to them. Each report on management matters focuses on a single area. As requested by the Board at its annual session in 2008, the response by the Secretariat to the recommendations contained in the report is also presented.

➤ *Report on the implementation of the External Auditor recommendations (C)*

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

➤ *Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2018) (C)*

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility, including the Forward Purchase Facility, from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

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EB.2/2019 (18–22 November)➤ *WFP Management Plan (2020–2022) (A)*

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EVALUATION REPORTS

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board for consideration. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and of the accompanying matrix summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations.

EB.1/2018 (26–28 February)

- *Summary evaluation reports – Cameroon/Cambodia country portfolios and management responses (C)*

The evaluations provide an analysis and assessment of the portfolios over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) the portfolios' performance and results. The evaluations' findings and recommendations will inform the country office's strategic direction, planning and programme implementation. The Cameroon/Cambodia country portfolio evaluations will be conducted jointly by the Rome-based agencies.

- *Synthesis report of four impact evaluations of WFP programmes on nutrition in humanitarian contexts in the Sahel and management response (C)*

The synthesis report will focus on the results of the impact evaluations in respect of WFP's work on moderate acute malnutrition in Mali, the Sudan, Niger and Chad. Reports and summary evaluation reports of the evaluations will be made available prior to the Executive Board session but will not be presented individually.

EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)

- *Annual evaluation report for 2017 and management response (C)*

The annual evaluation report summarizes the findings of evaluations completed in the previous year to highlight common areas of strength and identify opportunities for systemic improvements to enhance WFP's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. It also provides an account of the evaluation function at WFP.

- *Summary evaluation report of WFP humanitarian protection policy and management response (C)*

In line with the agreement that WFP policies be evaluated between four and six years following approval, this evaluation will assess the quality of the WFP humanitarian protection policy approved in 2012, its implementation arrangements and results.

- *Summary evaluation report of WFP's policies on principled action and access in humanitarian contexts and management response (c)*

This evaluation will cover three policies, on humanitarian principles, approved in 2004; on humanitarian access and its implications for WFP, approved in 2006; and on WFP's role in the humanitarian assistance system, approved in 2010. It will take into account WFP's latest position papers on the issues and will contribute evidence of renewed commitment by WFP to these policies.

- *Summary evaluation report – Central African Republic country portfolio and management response*

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's strategic direction, planning and programme implementation. The Central African Republic evaluation will be conducted jointly by the Rome-based agencies.

- *Implementation status of evaluation recommendations (C)*

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.

EB.2/2018 (26–30 November)

- *Summary evaluation report of the strategic evaluation of country strategic plan pilots and management response (C)*

This evaluation will provide an analysis and assessment of the country strategic plan pilots implemented since the beginning of 2017. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the strategic direction, planning and programme implementation in future CSPs.

- *Summary evaluation report of WFP's Syria+5 crisis response and management response (C)*

Evaluations of Level 3 humanitarian emergency response will continue with a two-pronged approach: all Level 3 emergency responses will be evaluated either through an inter-agency humanitarian evaluation or by the Office of Evaluation in a separate evaluation of WFP's response. This evaluation will consider WFP's response to the Syria+5 crisis.

➤ *Summary evaluation reports –Mali/Madagascar/Somalia country portfolios and management responses (c)*

The evaluations provide an analysis and assessment of the portfolios over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) the portfolios' performance and results. The evaluations' findings and recommendations will inform the country office's strategic direction, planning and programme implementation.

➤ *Synthesis report of operation evaluations (2017–2018) and management response (to be confirmed) (C)*

This synthesis report summarizes the findings and recommendations emerging from the single-operation evaluations conducted over the preceding year to identify opportunities for systemic improvement. Single-operation evaluations focus on the appropriateness and efficiency of a single operation in achieving its objectives, compliance with international and WFP policy norms and standards and the adequacy of the operation's design, implementation and results.

EB.1/2019 (25 February–1 March)

➤ *Summary evaluation report of the strategic evaluation of WFP's support for enhanced resilience and management response (c)*

Rather than wait until an evaluation of the 2015 policy on building resilience for food security and nutrition becomes due in 2019, the Office of Evaluation will carry out a strategic evaluation of resilience in 2017. The key influencing factors for developing this evaluation are: i) the change in emphasis to ending needs instead of meeting needs, with the implications such a change has for preparedness, prevention and resilience building; ii) current debates and concern on the volume of protracted crises, where humanitarian and development needs interact; and iii) the volume of WFP initiatives, with potentially rich sources of learning, inter alia: the Africa Risk initiative (Ethiopia); "seeds for change" in West Africa; the roll out of regional resilience strategies (in the Sahel and in Latin America); and Purchase from Africans for Africa.

➤ *Summary evaluation report of Ethiopia country portfolio and management response (C)*

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's strategic direction, planning and programme implementation.

EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)

➤ *Annual evaluation report for 2018 and management response (C)*

The annual evaluation report summarizes the findings of evaluations completed in the previous year to highlight common areas of strength and identify opportunities for systemic improvements for enhancing WFP's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. It also provides an account of the evaluation function at WFP.

➤ *Summary evaluation report of the strategic evaluation of innovations in constrained environments and management response (C)*

This evaluation will explore WFP's experience to date with innovative approaches in areas that are difficult to reach, such as the Syrian Arab Republic, Somalia and countries affected by the Ebola virus. Taking into account the potential for the use of new technology, the evaluation will assess the results and performance of technological and institutional innovations such as remote and mobile vulnerability assessment, third party monitoring, feedback mechanisms, new partnerships and platforms for cash-based transfers.

➤ *Summary evaluation report of WFP's Northern Nigeria crisis response and management response (C)*

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➤ *Implementation status of evaluation recommendations (C)*

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

EB.1/2018 (26–28 February)

Country strategic plans (A)

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

- Honduras
- Pakistan
- Timor-Leste
- Tunisia

Interim country strategic plans (A)

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following interim country strategic plan:

- Burundi

Revisions of transitional interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases (A)

The Board will have before it, for approval, a revision and corresponding budget increase exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority in respect of the following transitional interim country strategic plan:

- Turkey

Comprehensive update on Myanmar country strategic plan (2018–2022) (C)

Following a request by the Board at its second regular session of 2017, the Secretariat will present a comprehensive update on this country strategic plan for consideration.

Projects approved by vote by correspondence (I)

Short-term interim country strategic plans

The Board will have before it, for information, the following short-term interim country strategic plans approved by vote by correspondence prior to the first regular session in 2018:

- Honduras (1 January–31 March 2018)
- Pakistan (1 January–31 March 2018)
- Timor-Leste (1 January–31 March 2018)

Projects approved by correspondence (I)

The Board will have before it, for information, the following project approved by correspondence prior to the first regular session in 2018:

- Somalia PRRO 200844

Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters

The Board will have before it, for information summaries of budget increases to PRROs and development activities approved by the Executive Director within his delegated authority and revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO with their delegated authority. It will also have EMOPs approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO under the authority delegated in sub paragraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)

Country strategic plans (A)

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

- Afghanistan
- Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
- Egypt
- Kenya
- Philippines

EB.2/2018 (26–30 November)*Country strategic plans (A)*

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

- Armenia
- Burkina Faso
- Chad
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- India
- Liberia
- Mauritania
- Nepal
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- The Sudan

Interim country strategic plans (A)

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

- Somalia
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Yemen

EB.1/2019 (25 February–1 March)*Country strategic plans (A)*

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

- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Congo
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Dominican Republic
- Ethiopia
- Malawi
- Nicaragua
- Nigeria
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Sierra Leone

Interim country strategic plans (A)

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

- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Libya
- Turkey

EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)*Country strategic plans (A)*

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

- Algeria
- Benin

- Cuba
- Djibouti
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Haiti
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Lesotho
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Morocco
- Niger
- Swaziland
- Tajikistan
- Togo
- Zambia

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

EB.1/2018 (26–28 February)

- *Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2018–2019) (I)*

Further to a request by the Board at its third regular session in 2004, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2018–2019) is presented for information.

EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)

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EB.2/2018 (26–30 November)

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Pursuant to rule III of the rules of procedure, the Board will have before it, for approval, its biennial programme of work (2019–2020).

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

EB.1/2018 (26–28 March)

- *Update on WFP internal directive on harassment, sexual harassment and abuse of power (C)*

At the request of the Bureau at its meeting of 8 February 2018, the Secretariat will present an update on the development of the internal directive and on measures taken on harassment, sexual harassment and abuse of power.

- *Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (C)*

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the document on Joint Inspection Unit reports of relevance to the work of WFP submitted annually by the Secretariat to the Board should comprise the following items:

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EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)

- *Address by staff representative bodies to the Board*

Staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

- *Report on post-delivery losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2017 (I)*

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, for information, a report on food losses incurred 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 post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2017. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

- *Update on food procurement (I)*

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- *Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a report outlining WFP staffing as at 31 December 2017. 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.

- *Security report (I)*

At its second regular session in 2007, 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 2017 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents.

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OTHER BUSINESS**EB.1/2018 (26–28 February)**➤ *Appointment of five Executive Board members to the selection panel for the appointment of three Audit Committee members (A)*

The Board will appoint five of its members to serve on the panel that will select three Audit Committee members to be appointed in 2018.

➤ *Oral report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board (C)*

An oral report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board to West Africa (18-28 November 2017) is provided to the Board for consideration.

EB.A/2018 (18–22 June)➤ *Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board (I)*

A report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board is provided to the Board for information.

➤ *Oral report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (I)*

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Provisional calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP governing bodies and other main sessions 2018–2019

	2018		2019	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	IFAD/GC 30 ARC WFP	12–16 19–23 26–28	IFAD/GC 17 CGRFA WFP	11–15 18–22 25/02–01/03
MARCH	35 LARC 106 CCLM	5-8 12–14	108 CCLM 172 FC 125 PC	11–13 18–22 18–22
APRIL	34 APRC IFAD/EB 5 INARC 34 NERC	9–13 16–20 16–20 23–27	161 CL IFAD/EB	8–12 15–18
MAY	31 ERC 170 FC 123 PC	16-18 21-25 21-25		
JUNE	159 CL WFP	4–8 18–22	WFP 41 C	10–14 22–29
JULY	41 CODEX 33 COFI 24 COFO	2–6 (Rome) 9–13 16–20	162 CL 42 CODEX	1 8–12
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB 72 CCP	10–14 26–28	IFAD/EB	9–13
OCTOBER	26 COAG WFD 45 CFS 107 CCLM	1–5 16 (Tuesday) 15–20 22–24	46 CFS WFD 109 CCLM	14–18 16 (Wednesday) 21–23
NOVEMBER	171 FC 124 PC WFP	12–16 12–16 26–30	173 FC 126 PC WFP	4–8 4–8 18–22
DECEMBER	160 CL IFAD/EB	3–7 10–14	163 CL IFAD/EB	2–6 9–13

Easter: 1 April 2018
 Orthodox Easter: 8 April 2018
 Ramadan: 16 May – 14 June 2018
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 Eid Al-Adha: 22 August 2018

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 Ramadan: 6 May 2019 – 4 June 2019
 Eid Al-Fitr: 5 June 2019
 Eid Al-Adha: 12 August 2019

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	PC	Programme Committee
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board