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# WFP Governance - *A brief introduction*



# What to expect...

- How governance is conducted
- How the WFP Executive Board is constituted
- Who are the other main actors and facilitators in the governance process

# The Executive Board

Board Members oversee the organization's activities



# The Executive Board

Impressions of a formal session of the Executive Board



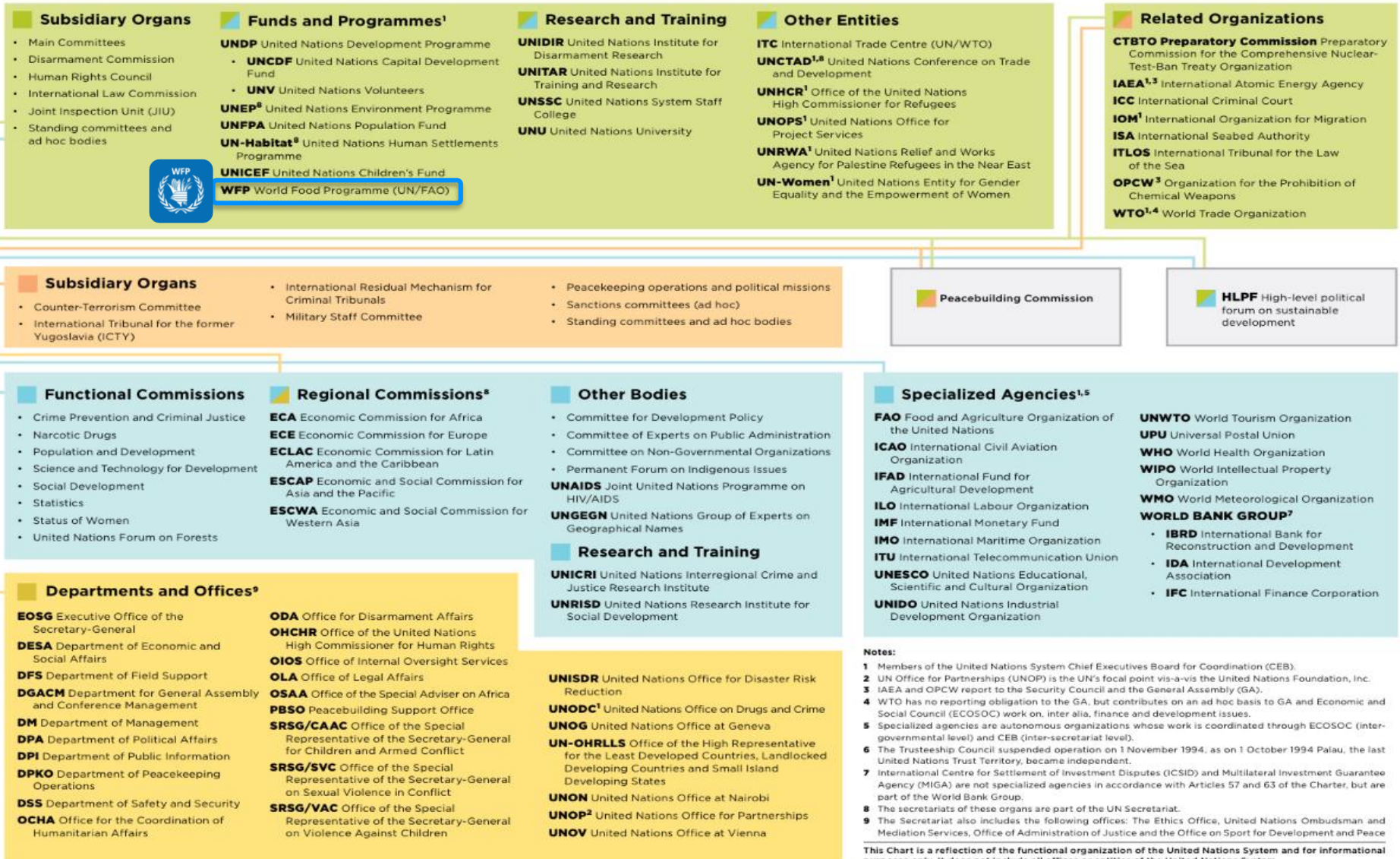
# Where WFP Fits in UN System

## The United Nations System



### UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- SECURITY COUNCIL
- ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
- SECRETARIAT
- INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
- TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL<sup>6</sup>



**Notes:**

- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, Office of Administration of Justice and the Office on Sport for Development and Peace

This chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

# Five Governance Facts about WFP

- 1961: Established jointly by UN General Assembly and FAO as a **3-year pilot**
- 1961-1975: governed by an **Intergovernmental Committee**
- 1976-1995: governed by 42-member **Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (CFA)**
- 1993: **General Assembly Resolution 48/162** transforms CFA into **36-member Executive Board to govern WFP alone, effective 1 January 1996**
- 1994: **WFP Mission Statement** adopted (first for a UN agency)

# Quick Rome-based Agency Comparison

## FAO

**197 members:** 194 members + 2 associate members + 1 member organization (EU)

**1 vote per member**

### **2 governing bodies:**

- Council (chaired by independent rep)
- Conference (highest body)

### **Various committees:**

- Programme
- Finance
- CCLM
- [...]

## IFAD

**166 members** represented by Governors (hybrid UN IFI)

**Weighted voting** (based on membership and contribution)

### **2 governing bodies:**

- Executive Board (chaired by IFAD President)
- Governing Council (highest body)

### **2 main committees:**

- Audit
- Evaluation

## WFP

**Out of 193 UN & 197 FAO members:** 36 Executive Board members + 1 special & permanent observer (EU)

**1 vote per member**

### **Reports to 2 governing bodies:**

- ECOSOC
- FAO Council

### **3 advisory committees:**

- Audit (external experts)
- FAO Finance Committee (comprised of Member States)
- ACABQ (comprised of Member States)

# How the Executive Board is Constituted

## UN General Assembly

ECOSOC



Elects 18  
Members



## FAO Conference

FAO Council



Elects 18  
Members



**WFP Executive Board  
(36 Members)**



## WFP Governance

### **Executive Board (36 Member Nations)**

- Intergovernmental oversight
- Specific policy direction
- Approves programme projects and WFP activities

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

- Administers WFP
- Implements projects and programmes
- Provides accountability

# How the Executive Board is Constituted

## Regional make-up of the Executive Board membership

<b>List A</b>	Africa	8 members	+1 rotational seat from lists A, B and C (FAO)
<b>List B</b>	Asia & Middle East	7 members	
<b>List C</b>	Latin America & the Caribbean	5 members	
<b>List D</b>	N. America, W. Europe, Japan Australia and New Zealand	12 members	
<b>List E</b>	Central and Eastern Europe	3 members	

# Quick facts about Executive Board sessions

Three **formal sessions** annually:

**First** Regular Session      February

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**Annual** Session                  June

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**Second** Regular Session      November

**Board Languages:**

English | Français | Español | العربية

**Documents** tabled can be:

- For Approval
- For Consideration
- For Information

Decisions are made  
**by consensus**

# The Executive Board Bureau



**Top:** Ms. Khan (Pakistan), Mr. Duffy (USA) & Ms. Fonseca Jaramillo (Colombia)  
**Bottom:** Mr. Kálmán (President) & H.E. Badr (Vice-President)

## Role of the Executive Board Bureau

- Plans the work of the Board
- Shares information and promotes dialogue between List members and the Secretariat
- Facilitates consensus among and between Lists outside of formal sessions

## 2018 WFP Executive Board Bureau

**President:** Mr. Zoltán Kálmán  
*Hungary | List E*

**Vice-President:** H.E. Hisham Mohamed Badr  
*Egypt | List A*

**Member:** Vacant  
*| List B*

*\* From 11 August 2018. Previously Ms. Wajiha Khan, (Pakistan) up to 10 August 2018*

**Member:** Ms. Mónica Fonseca Jaramillo  
*Colombia | List C*

*\* From 18 June 2018. Previously Ms. Maria Fernanda Silva (Argentina) up to 29 April 2018*

**Member:** Mr. Thomas Duffy  
*United States of America | List D*

# WFP Governance Project (1999-2005)

**Governance group** formulated to improve 3 major Board functions:

- Information-sharing
- Consensus-building
- Decision-making

## **Objectives**

- Strengthen governance
- Make the Board more strategic, efficient and effective

## **Outcomes**

- Strategy framework
- Policy framework codification and regular review
- Oversight framework
- Accountability framework

# Board Activities

## **Joint United Nations Activities:**

- Annual Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN and WFP in New York (**May/June**)
- Annual Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN and WFP (**Spring**)

## **Board Field Visits**

- Annual field visit to view WFP operations (**Fall**)
  - First-hand exposure to operations brings context to Board dialogue
  - Opportunity to meet with people WFP serves

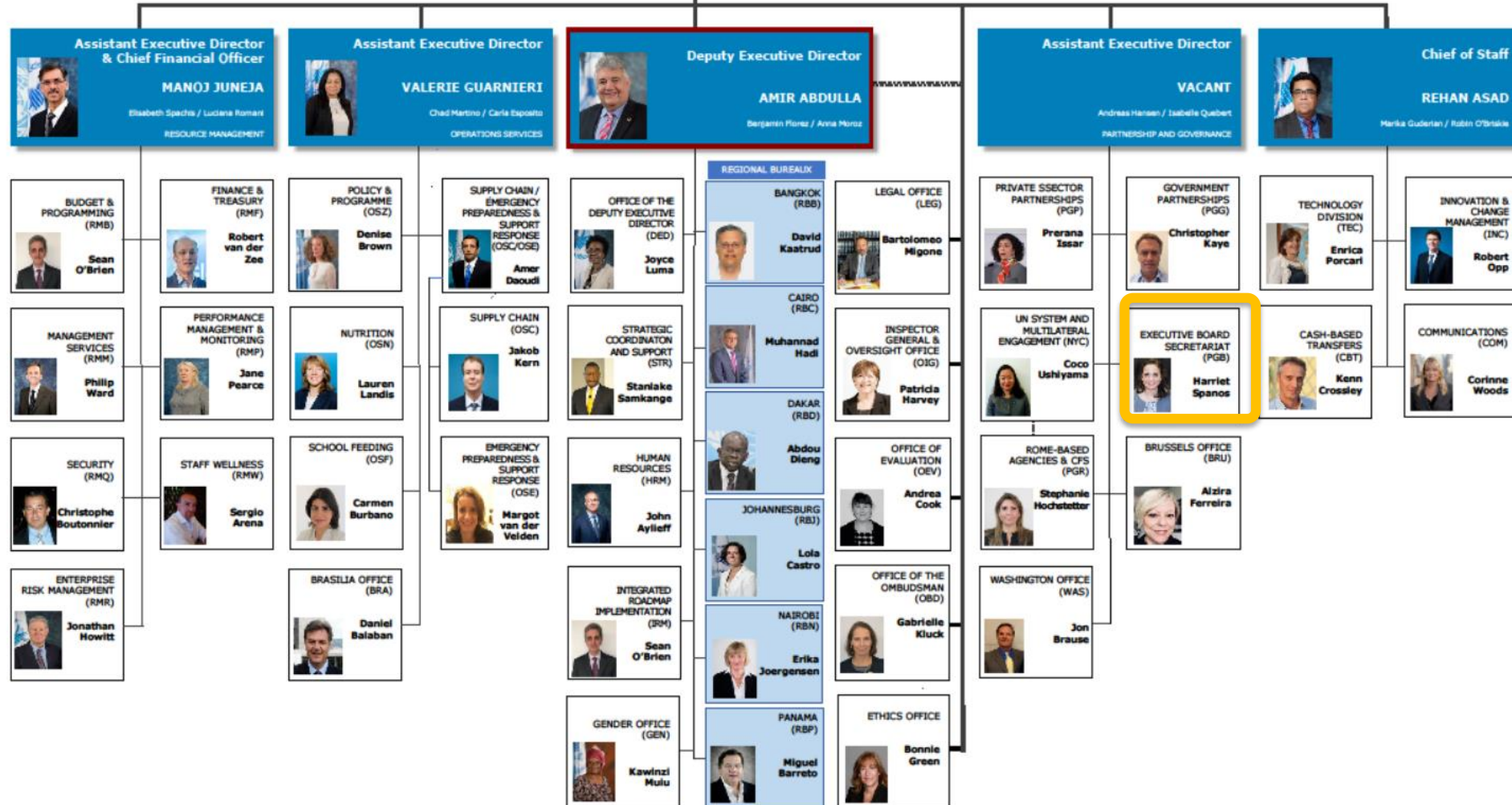
## **United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) visit**

- **Twice-annual** (pending calendar availability) to visit UNHRD in Brindisi
  - First-hand understanding of emergency preparedness work
  - Ad hoc tour of facility — first established hub in WFP UNHRD network
  - Co-located with UN Logistics Base/UN Global Service Centre for UN coherence

# Where the Executive Board Secretariat fits in WFP

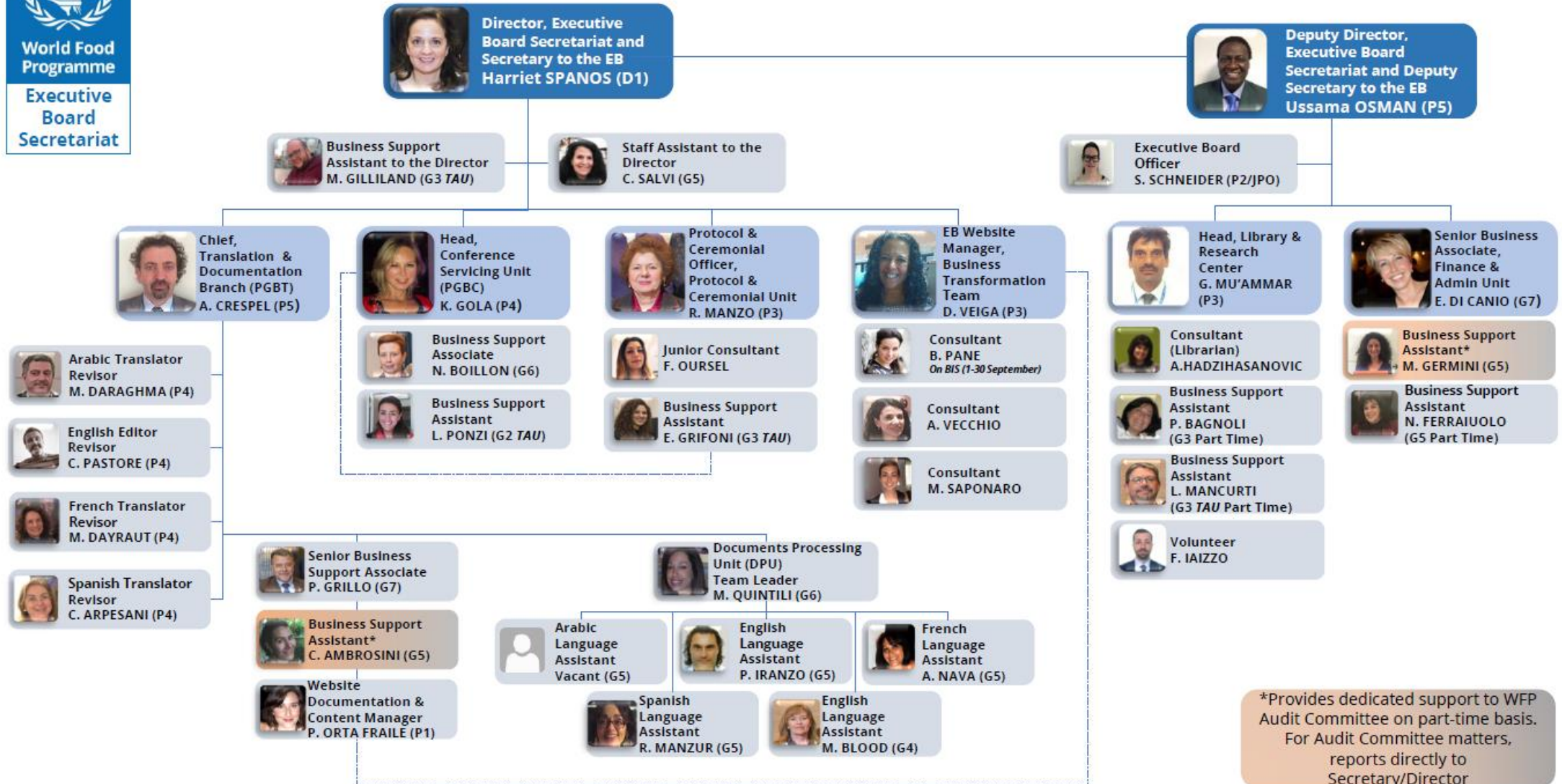


Headquarters Management



# How the Board Secretariat is made up

As of 1 September 2018



\*Provides dedicated support to WFP Audit Committee on part-time basis. For Audit Committee matters, reports directly to Secretary/Director



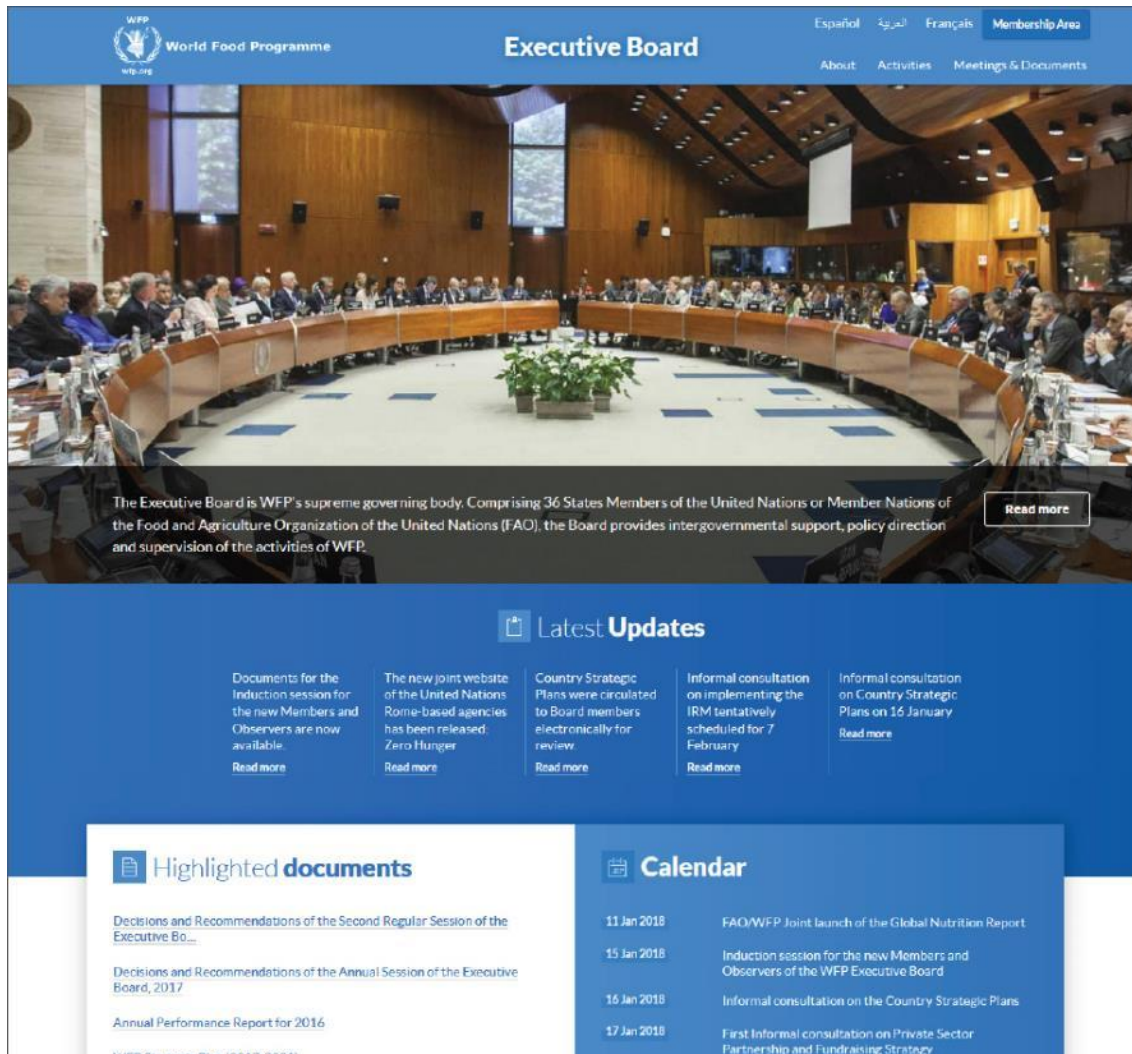
# Executive Board Secretariat



## What does the Executive Board Secretariat do?

- Interface/Facilitator between Board and WFP Management
- Services provider to Board and Bureau
- Liaison with Permanent Representations
- Secretariat support to WFP Audit Committee

# How you can connect with us



The screenshot shows the desktop version of the Executive Board website. At the top left is the WFP logo and 'World Food Programme'. The main navigation bar includes 'Español', 'العربية', 'Français', and 'Membership Area'. Below this are 'About', 'Activities', and 'Meetings & Documents'. The header features a large photograph of a meeting in a grand hall. A text box below the photo states: 'The Executive Board is WFP's supreme governing body. Comprising 36 States Members of the United Nations or Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Board provides intergovernmental support, policy direction and supervision of the activities of WFP.' A 'Read more' button is positioned to the right. The main content area is divided into 'Latest Updates' and 'Highlighted documents'. 'Latest Updates' contains four items with 'Read more' links. 'Highlighted documents' lists three documents: 'Decisions and Recommendations of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board...', 'Decisions and Recommendations of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2017', and 'Annual Performance Report for 2016'. A 'Calendar' section on the right lists dates from 11 Jan 2018 to 17 Jan 2018 with corresponding events.

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About Activities Meetings & Documents

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Latest Updates

Documents for the Induction session for the new Members and Observers are now available. [Read more](#)

The new joint website of the United Nations Rome-based agencies has been released. Zero Hunger. [Read more](#)

Country Strategic Plans were circulated to Board members electronically for review. [Read more](#)

Informal consultation on implementing the IRM tentatively scheduled for 7 February. [Read more](#)

Informal consultation on Country Strategic Plans on 16 January. [Read more](#)

Highlighted documents

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Annual Performance Report for 2016

Calendar

11 Jan 2018 FAO/WFP Joint launch of the Global Nutrition Report

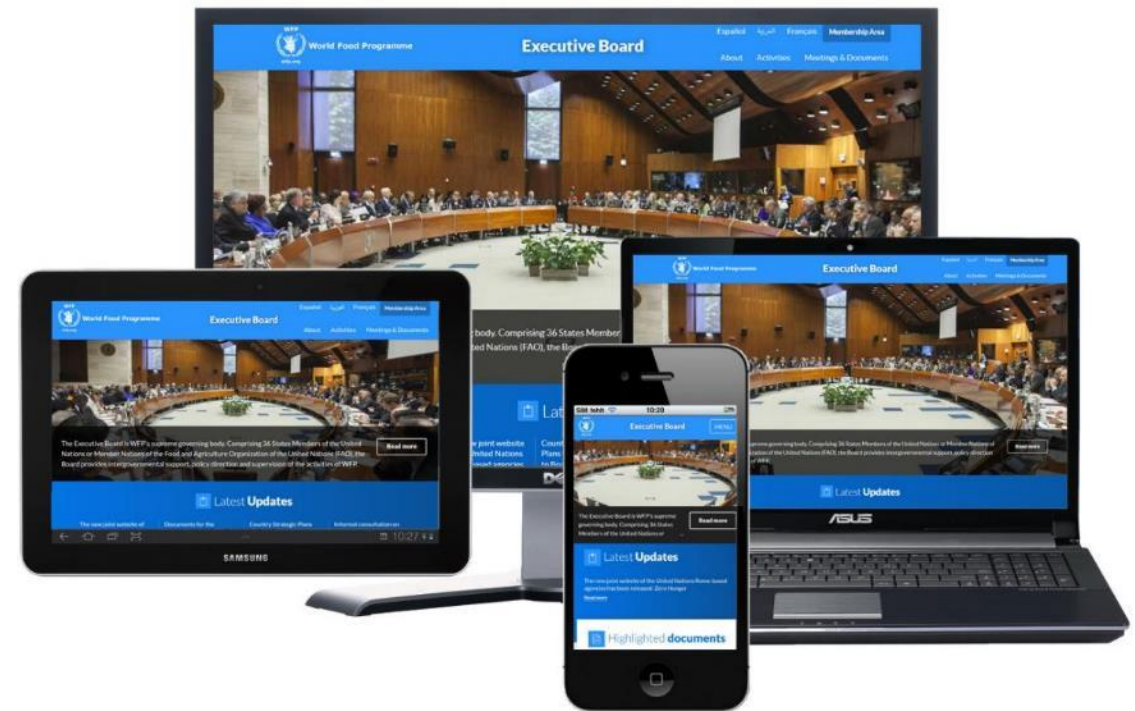
15 Jan 2018 Induction session for the new Members and Observers of the WFP Executive Board

16 Jan 2018 Informal consultation on the Country Strategic Plans

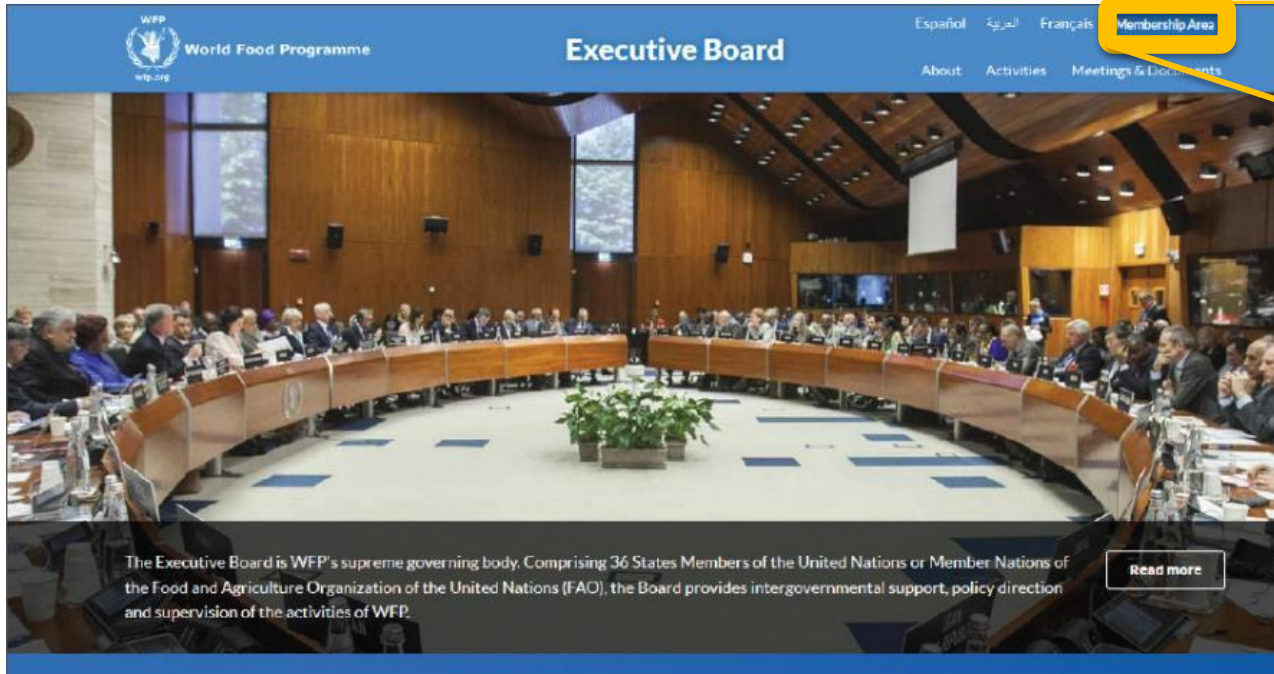
17 Jan 2018 First Informal consultation on Private Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy

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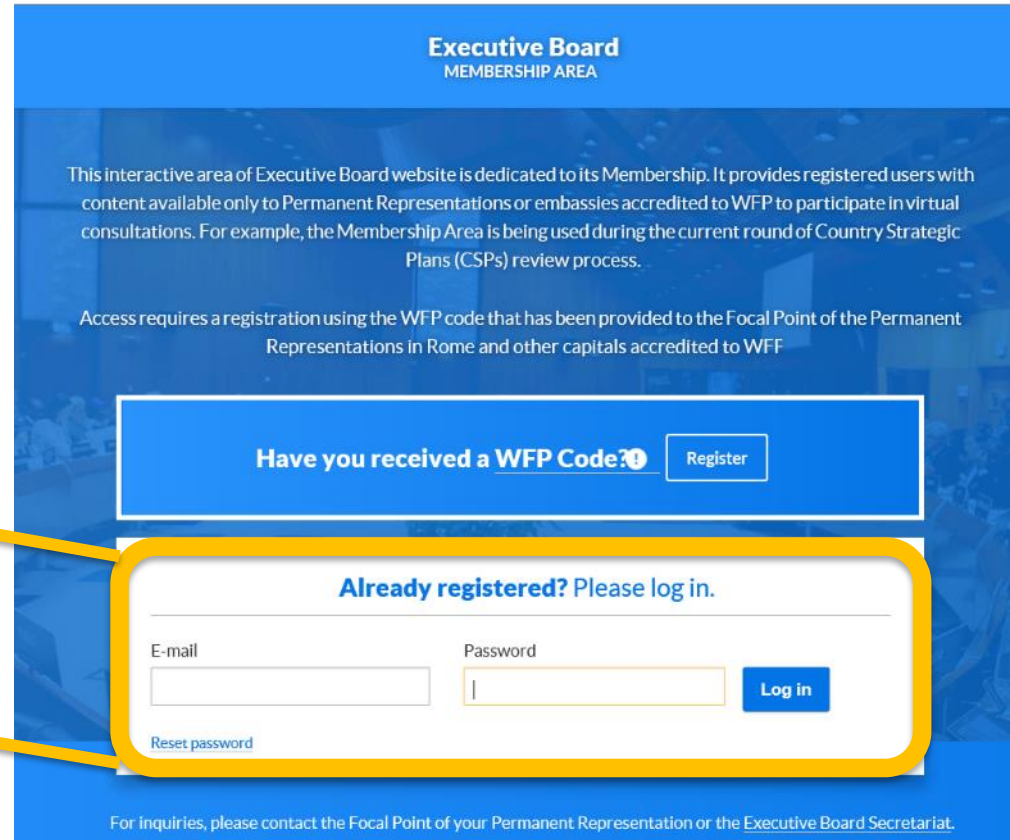
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