

**Item 12 1) - Joint response of the Executive Board Secretariats of
UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP
on Executive Board working methods**

Draft decision

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the rules of procedure of the Executive Boards of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and WFP;
2. *Takes note* of the joint response prepared by the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to the 2018 joint meeting of the Executive Boards segment on working methods;
3. *Agrees* to continue the good practice to start all formal and informal meetings on time and to plan them during United Nations working hours;
4. *Agrees on* identifying a set of common agenda items, together with UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, with a view to harmonizing the consideration of those agenda items with these agencies, beginning from the first regular session 2019 onwards;
5. *Supports* continuation of WFP's practice of issuing comprehensive response matrices and enhancing transparency, as appropriate, through strategic and analytical documentation, including best practices, actions being taken to address lessons learned, challenges and risks, building on the interactions with the Board;
6. *Encourages* the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to engage on the efficient and effective implementation of the guidelines for Executive Board field visits and reporting requirements;
7. *Encourages* UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP Executive Boards and their Bureaux to give due consideration to gender balance in panels for all meetings;
8. *Welcomes* collaboration with the Bureaux of UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, to launch a joint consultative process with Member States starting at the first regular session 2019, with a view to examining the efficiency and quality of its current sessions, as well as the functions of the joint meeting of the Boards, building on the joint response prepared by the Secretariats.