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Decisions and recommendations

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

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Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with its rules of procedure the Board elected H.E. Youssef Balla (Morocco, List A) President for a one-year term. Mme Chantal Moukoutou Legnongo (Gabon, List A) was elected Alternate.

The Board elected Her Excellency Elissa Golberg (Canada, List D) Vice-President. Ms Tracy Reid (Australia, List D) was elected Alternate.

The Board elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists, for a one-year term, Dr. Balaji Jujjavarapu (India, List B); H.E. Carlos Bernardo Cherniak (Argentina, List C); and H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollok (Poland, List E). Elected as Alternates were Mr Hyungsik Kim (Republic of Korea, List B); H.E. Mario Arvelo Caamaño (Dominican Republic, List C); and H.E. Zsolt Belánsky-Demkó (Hungary, List E).

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed Mr Massimo Ziad Ammar (Kuwait, List B) as Rapporteur for its 2024 first regular session.

26 February 2024

Current and future strategic issues

2024/EB.1/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board's comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

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Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe portfolio

2024/EB.1/2 Republic of Moldova interim country strategic plan (2024–2026)

The Board approved the Republic of Moldova interim country strategic plan (2024–2026) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/8) at a total cost to WFP of USD 60,060,561.

27 February 2024

Western Africa portfolio

2024/EB.1/3 Chad country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board approved the Chad country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 2,647,685,491.

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2024/EB.1/4 Gambia country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board approved the Gambia country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 95,226,668.

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2024/EB.1/5 Mauritania country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board approved the Mauritania country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/6) at a total cost to WFP of USD 417,590,013.

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Southern Africa portfolio**2024/EB.1/6 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Madagascar (2019–2023) and management response
Madagascar country strategic plan (2024–2028)**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Madagascar (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/2) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/2/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Madagascar country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/5) at a total cost to WFP of USD 659,265,106.

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Eastern Africa portfolio**2024/EB.1/7 Burundi country strategic plan (2024–2027)**

The Board approved the Burundi country strategic plan (2024–2027) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 416,300,176.

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Asia and the Pacific portfolio**2024/EB.1/8 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bhutan (2019–2023) and management response
Bhutan country strategic plan (2024–2028)**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bhutan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/1) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Bhutan country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 14,603,177.

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2024/EB.1/9 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Philippines (2018-2023) and management response
Philippines country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Philippines (2018–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/3) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/3/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Philippines country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/7) at a total cost to WFP of USD 131,193,069.

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Policy issues

2024/EB.1/10 Implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the least developed countries

The Board:

- i) welcomed the conclusions of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries of 17 March 2022 and the endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 76/258 of 1 April 2022 of the Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the decade 2022–2031, hereinafter referred to as the Doha Programme of Action;
- ii) noted that, building on the Istanbul Programme of Action (2011–2020), WFP had maintained the strong support given to the least developed countries in terms of the strengthening of national capacities and social protection systems, the creation of assets and livelihoods through WFP activities, and a focus on sustainable development and contributions to peace through the implementation of its multi-dimensional mandate and investments in local partners and communities;
- iii) noted the strong alignment of WFP's strategic plan for 2022–2025 with the Doha Programme of Action's six key focus areas for action, especially with regard to eradicating poverty and building the capacity to "leave no one behind", leveraging innovation to fight against multidimensional vulnerabilities, addressing climate change and building resilience to future shocks, and harnessing the power of global and local partnerships;
- iv) stressed the need for WFP to direct special attention to the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action in its support of the least developed countries and in accordance with its mandate; and
- v) invited the Executive Director, building on prior efforts to implement the Istanbul Programme of Action, to further integrate and mainstream the Doha Programme of Action into WFP activities, especially through its country strategic plans.

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Administrative and managerial matters

2024/EB.1/11 Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members

The Board approves the establishment of a selection panel in relation to the appointment or reappointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) members. The panel shall, in accordance with the IOAC terms of reference and in response to any vacancies in the membership of the IOAC that may occur in 2024 and 2025, recommend candidates to be appointed or reappointed by the Board. The Board also approves the appointment to the panel of the following representatives of the electoral lists of the Executive Board:

- H.E. Ms Consolata Nkatha Maina, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya, as representative of List A.
- Mr Md. Al Amin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, as representative of List B.
- Ms Alicia Silvana Barone, Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina, as representative of List C.
- Mr Peter Natiello, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as representative of List D.
- H.E. Mr Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary, as representative of List E.

The Board requests the selection panel to convene as necessary and to report its recommendations to the Board in accordance with the terms of reference of the IOAC.

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2024/EB.1/12 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in the document entitled Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (WFP/EB.1/2024/8-B) and endorsed the responses to the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations to the legislative bodies included in the annexes to the document.

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Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2024/EB.1/13 Summary of the work of the 2023 second regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2023 second regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.2/2023/11.

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ANNEX I**Agenda**

- 1. Adoption of the agenda** *(for approval)*
- 2. Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur**
- 3. Opening remarks by the Executive Director**
- 4. Policy issues**
 - a) Implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the least developed countries *(for approval)*
 - b) Update on the implementation of the aviation policy *(for information)*
 - c) Update on the implementation of the Changing Lives Transformation Fund *(for information)**
- 5. Evaluation reports** *(for consideration)*
 - a) Summary evaluation reports on country strategic plans and management responses:
 1. Bhutan (2019–2023)
 2. Madagascar (2019–2024)
 3. Philippines (2018–2023)
- 6. Operational matters**
 - a) Country strategic plans *(for approval)*
 1. Bhutan (2024–2028)
 2. Burundi (2024–2027)
 3. Chad (2024–2028)
 4. Gambia (2024–2028)
 5. Madagascar (2024–2028)
 6. Mauritania (2024–2028)
 7. Philippines (2024–2028)
 8. Republic of Moldova (2024–2026)
 - b) Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters *(for information)*
 1. Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved under delegations of authority (1 July–31 December 2023)
 - c) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities *(for information)**
 - d) Oral update on the reassurance action plan *(for information)**
- 7. Organizational and procedural matters**
 - a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2024–2025) *(for information)*

* Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

8. Administrative and managerial matters

- a) Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members (*for approval*)
- b) Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (*for consideration*)
- c) Arrangements for the Inspector General and Director of Oversight Office *ad interim* (*for information*)

9. Summary of the work of the 2023 second regular session of the Executive Board (*for approval*)**10. Other business**

- a) Oral update on the organization structural review and the 2024 budget (*for information*)*
- b) Oral update on the governance review (*for information*)*
- c) Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board (*for information*)*
- d) Report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (*for information*)

11. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

ANNEX II

List of documents

Adoption of the agenda

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| 1 | Provisional agenda | WFP/EB.1/2024/1/1/Rev.1 |
| | Annotated provisional agenda | WFP/EB.1/2024/1/2/Rev.1 |

Policy issues

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| 4 a) | Implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the least developed countries | WFP/EB.1/2024/4-A |
| 4 b) | Update on the implementation of the aviation policy | WFP/EB.1/2024/4-B/Rev.1 |
| 4 c) | Update on the implementation of the Changing Lives Transformation Fund | WFP/EB.1/2024/4-C |

Evaluation reports

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| 5 a) | Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bhutan (2019–2023) | WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/1 |
| | Management response to the recommendations from the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bhutan (2019–2023) | WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/1/Add.1 |
| | Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Madagascar (2019–2023) | WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/2 |
| | Management response to the recommendations from the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Madagascar (2019–2023) | WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/2/Add.1 |
| | Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Philippines (2018–2023) | WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/3 |
| | Management response to the recommendations from the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Philippines (2018–2023) | WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/3/Add.1 |

Operational matters

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| 6 a) | Bhutan country strategic plan (2024–2028) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/1 |
| | Burundi country strategic plan (2024–2027) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/2 |
| | Chad country strategic plan (2024–2028) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/3 |
| | The Gambia country strategic plan (2024–2028) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/4 |
| | Madagascar country strategic plan (2024–2028) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/5 |
| | Mauritania country strategic plan (2024–2028) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/6 |
| | Philippines country strategic plan (2024–2028) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/7 |
| | Republic of Moldova interim country strategic plan (2024–2026) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/8 |

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| 6 b) | Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved under delegations of authority (1 July–31 December 2023) | WFP/EB.1/2024/6-B/1 |
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Organizational and procedural matters

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| 7 a) | Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2024–2025) | WFP/EB.1/2024/7-A |
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Administrative and managerial matters

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| 8 a) | Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members | WFP/EB.1/2024/8-A |
| 8 b) | Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP | WFP/EB.1/2024/8-B |
| 8 c) | Arrangements for the Inspector General and Director of Oversight Office ad interim | WFP/EB.1/2024/8-C |

Other business

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| 10 c) | Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board | WFP/EB.1/2024/10-C |
| 10 d) | Report of the joint field visit to Senegal by members of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, WFP and UN-Women, 2–6 October | WFP/EB.1/2024/10-D |

Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

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| 11 | Decisions and recommendations of the 2024 first regular session of the Executive Board | WFP/EB.1/2024/11 |
| 12 | Summary of the work of the 2024 first regular session of the Executive Board | WFP/EB.1/2024/12* |

Information notes

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| Provisional list of participants | WFP/EB.1/2024/INF/1 |
| Provisional timetable | WFP/EB.1/2024/INF/2/Rev.1 |
| Report by the Executive Director on recent senior staff movements | WFP/EB.1/2024/INF/3 |

* To be issued after approval by the Executive Board at its annual session in June 2024.