



# Executive Board Secretariat

Resources and tools for new delegates  
of Board members and observers

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# Our Services

## Governance Services



Interface between the Board Members and Observers and the WFP Secretariat

## Ceremonial Protocol Services



Ceremonial protocol expertise and guidance to the entire organization

## Conference Services



Conferences and related services for Executive Board-related meetings

## Digital Governance Services



Digital platforms and applications for Board Members and Observers

## Documentation & Translation Services



Executive Board documentation in the four Executive Board official languages

# Governance Services

## Executive Board Secretariat:

Interface between Board members and observers and the WFP Secretariat.

Headed by the Secretary to the Executive Board.



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- Facilitate the interaction between the Executive Board and the WFP Secretariat.
- Organize Board sessions, Bureau meetings and consultations on relevant topics.
- Facilitate the relationship between the Board and other governing bodies.
- Provide secretariat support to facilitate the meetings of the [Independent Oversight Advisory Committee \(IOAC\)](#).
- Facilitate the organization of [field visits](#) and [activities](#) for Board members.
- Facilitate the exchange of information with Permanent Representations in Rome.
- Assist Board delegates with any information as requested.

# Ceremonial Protocol Services

## Bilateral High-level Meetings



Manage all ceremonial and protocol aspects of high-level events with external stakeholders involving the Executive Director and the WFP Leadership Group

## Executive Board Special Guests



Coordinate the attendance of high-level and special guests participating in Executive Board sessions

## Presentation of Credentials



Monitor and manage the presentation of credentials of new delegates and ensure adherence to UN protocol during credential ceremonies with the Executive Director

## Guided Visits at HQ



Lead guided visits at HQ for high-level guests of the Executive Director as well as visiting delegations for the WFP Leadership Group.

## Protocol Guidance (organization wide)



Provide ceremonial protocol expert advice to internal and external stakeholders.  
Capacity development on Ceremonial Protocol for WFP.

## Facilitate and M.C. ceremonies

Execute all type of ceremonies hosted by Executive Director/Leadership Group, such as:

- Presentation of Credentials
- Signature ceremonies
- Trainings for WFP Staff (*in progress*)
- Memorials / Other

# Conference Services

Interpretation

Zoom Conferencing

Virtual Testing

EB Side Events

EB Meetings Calendar




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# **SPEAKING REQUIREMENTS**

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## Description

### BACKGROUND

[0001] Strap material is often used to cure loads. For example, in the packaging and shipping of lumber, bricks and the like, steel strap material is used to contain the bundle so that the load can be handled, moved or stored in quantity as a single unit. When a load needs to be broken down into individual units, the bundle is cut or severed to provide access to individual items in the load.

[0002] Strap material can, of course, be cut by conventional manual shears. However, repeated use, especially when the orientation of the load or strap is awkward, can be time consuming and fatiguing. Nevertheless, conventional shears are the accepted norm for strap cutting.

[0003] Moreover, known shears include only a blade to cut the strap. There are no known shears that contain one or both of

housing, a motor positioned at least in part in the housing and a drive train operably connecting the motor, and a grip handle.

[0006] The cutter includes a cutting head having a plunger, a cutting blade operably mounted to the plunger, a hold-down biasedly mounted to the plunger, a foot and a shear edge. The drive train is operably connected to the plunger. A cutter comprising a cutting blade operably mounted to a plunger with a hold-down biasedly mounted to the plunger is known from prior art document DE 19 22 327 U. However, this is not a relevant prior art document, since this is a non-hand-held machine, not able of cutting straps, since it is only usable for cutting sheets of paper or films of larger dimensions. Hence, said document discloses a tooth-like blade which is not able to perform a straight cut and results in a wave-like cut. [0007] The plunger moves toward the hold-down to move the hold-down into contact with a strap securing the strap against the foot. The hold-down



Be in a **quiet location**  
close the windows and  
doors and turn off the  
air conditioning



**Use a computer,**  
not a smartphone or  
tablet



**Mute and turn off your  
microphone and camera**  
when you have finished  
speaking



**Don't touch the  
microphone** or rustle  
papers near it whilst  
speaking



**Plug in** your  
unidirectional,  
USB-connected,  
**desktop microphone**



When speaking, turn on  
your microphone and  
camera and **speak  
directly into the camera**

# Sound quality

for remote interpretation



Plug in your  
**ethernet cable**  
(if available)



Plug in your  
**separate  
headphones**



**Silence your phone**  
and any notifications  
on your computer



**Send any statements**  
to the Secretariat  
**in advance**



Speak at a  
**moderate pace**



# USE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT

Recommended  
tabletop  
microphones



**Razer  
Seiren Mini**

59.99 €



**Razer  
Seiren X**

109.99 €



**Rode  
NT1 USB**

249.00 €



**Shure  
MV7**

298.00 €

# VIRTUAL TESTING

- **Only takes 10/15 minutes max**
- We review your **microphone and internet connection**
- Advise on **backdrop, camera positioning, speaking style...**
- Contact [blazenka.pane@wfp.org](mailto:blazenka.pane@wfp.org) to set up a session








# Executive Board (EB) calendar

- Live document updated on a weekly basis and sent to EBB members for distribution among the respective lists.
- Follows the WFP [Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board \(BPOW\)](#), regularly updated and circulated during the EBB meetings throughout the year.
- Indicates meetings of the FAO Financial Committee on WFP matters as well the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee sessions.
- Follows the local and UN festivities.
- Available in 4 languages on the [Executive Board website](#).
- Over the years, the membership has requested to be briefed regularly on specific items such as: emergencies, Ethics, Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and Internal Audit.

# RBA calendar

The RBAs work together on a consolidated calendar version, the RBA calendar, to reduce overlaps among the various meetings of the 3 agencies. A colour code helps to navigate the calendar.

NB: only one Governing Body session – coloured in blue - is permitted at any time. Overlaps with other colours is allowed, but the agencies must have informed each other.

-  **FAO-IFAD-WFP Governing Body sessions, including Subsidiary Bodies and Committees**
-  **Technical meetings and FAO Statutory Body sessions**
-  **Regional/List Group/ICC informal meetings and seminars**
-  **Committee on World Food Security (CFS) meetings**
-  **Official Holidays and other RBA meetings (international days and years, country and field visits, launch events and forums, etc.)**

# Digital Governance Services

Digital platforms and applications for

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[Executive Board Website](#)



[Membership Area](#)



[Informal Digital Advisory Group \(IDAG\)](#)



[executiveboard.wfp.org](http://executiveboard.wfp.org)

The **Executive Board Website** serves primarily to facilitate the Board's decision-making process by sharing WFP Governance-related information in the **four official languages** of the Executive Board.

Resources & News

**About:** functions and structure of the Board, the EB Secretariat and the Advisory Committees and Bodies

Main **activities** of the Board

Latest **news** on highlighted EB's activities and events

Documents

**Documents** organized by topic:

- Governing body documents
- ED Circulars
- OIG & special reports
- Partnerships' fact sheets
- Presentations

Full-text search function

Meetings

**Calendar** of EB-related meetings and events

- Meeting agendas & documentation
- Meeting search function

# Membership Area

<https://executiveboard.wfp.org/user/login>

Premium services and content reserved for delegates and/or other staff authorized by the Permanent Representations accredited to WFP:

- [VIRTUAL CONSULTATIONS](#): Platform to add comments on WFP operations and receive WFP responses
- [RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS](#): EB documents - Special reports Notes for the records - Transcripts - Follow-up action tables
- [LATEST NOTIFICATIONS](#): Custom notifications on Board documents and approved budget revisions of CSPs/ICSPs
- [ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION](#): WFP HQ key areas Security and Logistics Information for meetings WFP telephone directory
- [INDUCTION RESOURCES](#): Guidance for meetings WFP Videos & Presentations Background documentation & References
- [DIRECTORY OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS TO WFP](#)


Access to CSPs data with programme, financial and performance-related information for countries under the Integrated Road Map framework: [CSPs Data Portal](#) & [Annual Country Reports \(ACRs\)](#)

# How to access the Membership Area



[Register](#)

Users are requested to insert their name, surname, email address and a password of their preference, select their Permanent Representation and insert the WFP Code.

 The **WFP Code** is required only at the time of the registration, and it is provided by the Executive Board Secretariat to the Permanent Representation **focal point**, who is responsible for the distribution of the WFP Code among authorized delegates and/or staff.

For more information please visit:

- [Guidance on how to access the Membership Area](#)
- [Registration - FAQ](#)



For assistance to register, please contact: [ebwebsiteadmin@wfp.org](mailto:ebwebsiteadmin@wfp.org)

A screenshot of a web registration form titled "First time? Please register." with a "BACK" link and an "FAQ" link. The form includes a "Permanent representation" dropdown menu with a note that it is mandatory for users from Permanent Representations only. Next to it is a "WFP Code" text input field with a "This field is required." message. Below these are fields for "Name" and "Surname", both with "This field is required." messages. The "Official email address" field has a note: "A valid email address. All emails from the system will be sent to this address. The email address is not made public and will be necessary for log in." Below it is a "Create new password" field with a "Password strength: Weak" indicator and a list of recommendations: "Make it at least 12 characters", "Add lowercase letters", "Add uppercase letters", "Add numbers", and "Add punctuation". A "Confirm new password" field is also present. At the bottom right is a blue "Register" button.



# Informal Digital Advisory Group (IDAG)

The Board Secretariat has been increasingly investing in digitally transforming its services to provide a high quality, efficient and effective support to the membership with a user-centric and service-oriented approach.

The **Informal Digital Advisory Group (IDAG)** is an informal network of contributors from the membership participating on a voluntary basis to help shape the demand and drive the prioritization of the continuous improvement of the digital services.

The **IDAG** is open to representatives of the Executive Board who want to contribute to our digital services product roadmap by providing ideas, insights or suggestions and by reviewing what the Board Secretariat will deliver now and in the future.

**[Want to contribute to our digital services product roadmap?](#)**

**[Join the IDAG!](#)**

**For more information please contact:**

**[Jonathan.Katz@wfp.org](mailto:Jonathan.Katz@wfp.org), Head of Digital Governance Services**

# Documentation and Translation Services



## Editing, Translation and Proofreading

Board documents in the Board languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) – ad-hoc arrangements are also made for Chinese and Russian.



## Official correspondence

Prepare and issue official communications from the Board Secretariat to the whole membership in the Board languages.



## Précis-writing

Produce summaries of discussions and notes for the record for Board and Bureau-related meetings.



## Transcription

Produce transcriptions of formal and informal Board meetings (in English).



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