

The Executive Board

**Organs
of WFP**

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The diagram features a central box on the left labeled 'Organs of WFP'. Two arrows point from this box to two other boxes on the right: 'Executive Board' at the top and 'Secretariat' at the bottom. All boxes are 3D-style gold with blue text. The background is a dark blue grid.

**Executive
Board**

Secretariat

The Executive Board

- **Jointly established by Resolutions of the UN and FAO in 1961**
- **36 States Members of the UN and FAO (18 Members each)**

Who is an eligible member of WFP?

- **Any State Member of the United Nations
or Member Nation of FAO**

Composition of the Board

- **Eight members from List A**
- **Seven members from List B**
- **Five members from List C**
- **Twelve members from List D**
- **Three members from List E**
- **One rotating seat for a member from List A, B and C at FAO**

Special Observer: EC

Members in 2007 Elected by ECOSOC

List A

CAPE VERDE
ETHIOPIA
TUNISIA
ZIMBABWE

List B

CHINA
INDIA
INDONESIA
IRAN

List C

CUBA
MEXICO

List D

AUSTRALIA
JAPAN
NEW ZEALAND
NORWAY
SWEDEN
UNITED KINGDOM

List E

RUSSIAN FEDERATION
UKRAINE

Members in 2007 Elected by FAO Council

List A

CONGO, REP. OF
NIGER
SUDAN
TANZANIA
ZAMBIA

List B

KUWAIT
PAKISTAN
PHILIPPINES

List C

COLOMBIA
HAITI
PERU

List D

AUSTRIA
CANADA
GERMANY
NETHERLANDS
SWITZERLAND
USA

List E

SLOVENIA

Elections determining the membership in 2008

- **In April 2007 ECOSOC will elect members to replace:**
 - *Australia, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Norway, Tunisia*
- **In November 2007 FAO COUNCIL will elect members to replace:**
 - *Canada, Republic of Congo, Germany, Haiti, Kuwait, Niger*

Powers and Functions of the Board

- Evolve and coordinate food aid policies
- Provide intergovernmental supervision and direction to WFP
- Review, modify and approve programmes, projects and activities

Powers and Functions of the Board

- Decide on how to conduct its business
- Plan its work strategically on a biennial basis
- Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council
- Adopt own rules of procedure and develop its own methods of work

The Governance Project (1999-2005)

The Governance Group was established in 1999.

Major objectives:

1. Strengthen the governance of WFP
2. Make the Board more strategic and efficient

The Governance Project (1999-2005)

Between 2000-2005 the Group identified:

a. Three major functions of the Board:

- Information sharing
- Consensus building
- Decision making

b. Responsibility over four major interlinked frameworks:

- Strategy framework
- Policy framework
- Oversight framework
- Accountability framework

The Governance Project (1999-2005)

“Governance tools” were the result of the Governance Project and constituted the “core” of the action plan for the future.

STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

- WFP's Mission Statement
- Strategic Plan

POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Updated version of the Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies
- Review of policies as part of the Programme of Work

OVERSIGHT FRAMEWORK

- Biennial Management Plan
- No-Objection Process for Country Programs
- Increased Authority to ED for Approval of Projects

ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

- Annual Performance Report

- Five important Board decisions regarding:
 1. Best Practices in Oversight Mechanisms
 2. Risk Management Strategies
 3. Programme of Work of the External Auditor
 4. Review of the Evaluation Function

CONSENSUS-BUILDING

- Briefings
- List meetings
- Informal consultations
- Executive Board Bureau meetings

Decision-making

- Decision by “Consensus”

Board Sessions

- at WFP Headquarters
- one annual session in May/June
- two regular sessions:
 - January/February
 - October/November