

# WFP Governance

*A brief introduction*

# What to expect...



- How governance is conducted
- What the WFP Executive Board is and how it 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

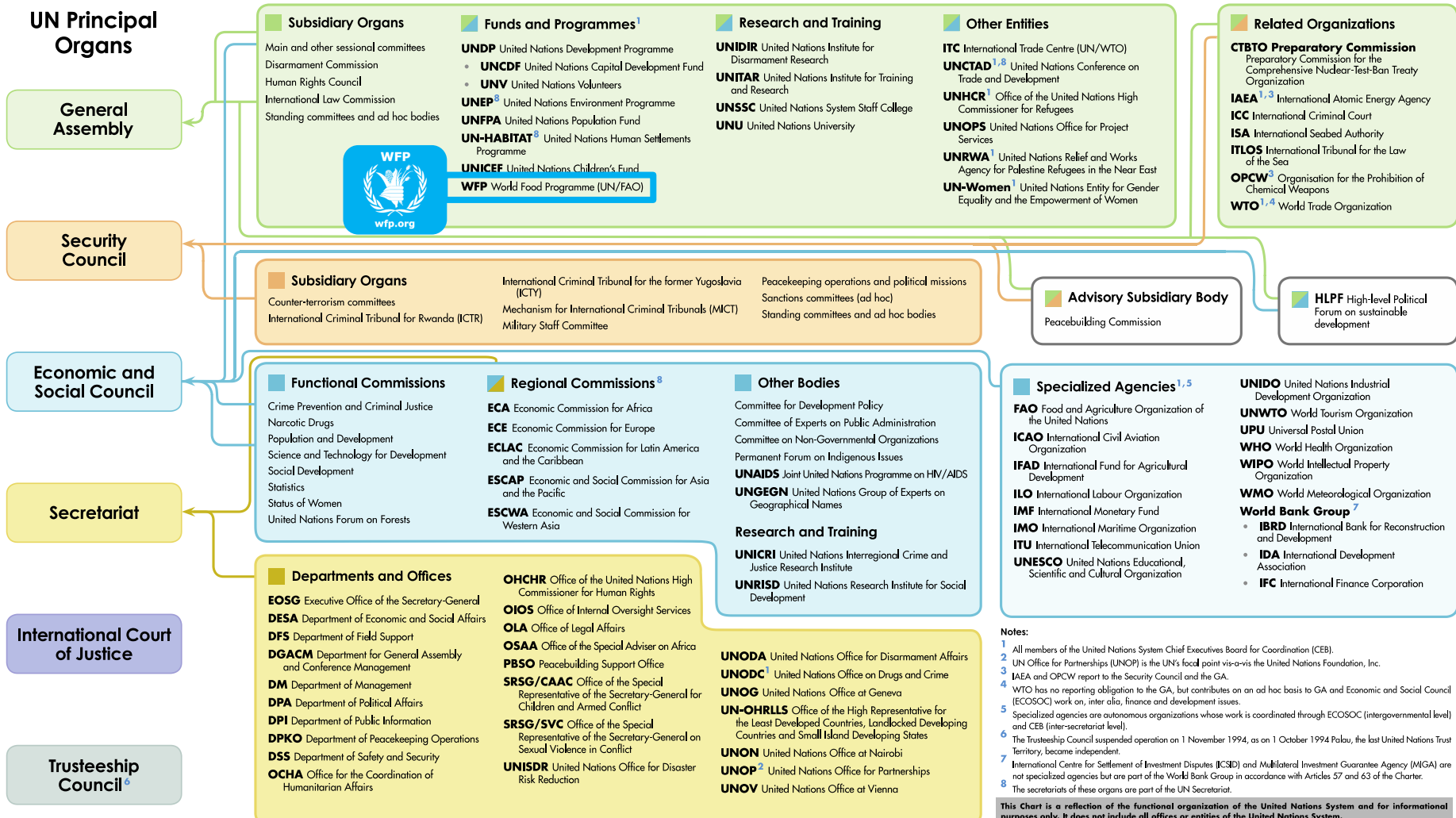
## Impressions of a formal session of the Executive Board



# Where WFP Fits in UN System



## UN Principal Organs



**General Assembly**

**Security Council**

**Economic and Social Council**

**Secretariat**

**International Court of Justice**

**Trusteeship Council**

**Subsidiary Organs**  
Main and other sessional committees  
Disarmament Commission  
Human Rights Council  
International Law Commission  
Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

**Funds and Programmes<sup>1</sup>**  
**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme  
• **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund  
• **UNV** United Nations Volunteers  
**UNEP**<sup>8</sup> United Nations Environment Programme  
**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund  
**UN-HABITAT**<sup>8</sup> United Nations Human Settlements Programme  
**UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund  
**WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

**Research and Training**  
**UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research  
**UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research  
**UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College  
**UNU** United Nations University

**Other Entities**  
**ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)  
**UNCTAD**<sup>1,3</sup> United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
**UNHCR**<sup>1</sup> Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
**UNOPS** United Nations Office for Project Services  
**UNRWA**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East  
**UN-Women**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

**Related Organizations**  
**CTBTO Preparatory Commission** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization  
**IAEA**<sup>1,3</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency  
**ICC** International Criminal Court  
**ISA** International Seabed Authority  
**ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea  
**OPCW**<sup>3</sup> Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
**WTO**<sup>1,4</sup> World Trade Organization

**Subsidiary Organs**  
Counter-terrorism committees  
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)  
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)  
Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT)  
Military Staff Committee  
Peacekeeping operations and political missions  
Sanctions committees (ad hoc)  
Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

**Advisory Subsidiary Body**  
Peacebuilding Commission

**HLPF** High-level Political Forum on sustainable development

**Functional Commissions**  
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice  
Narcotic Drugs  
Population and Development  
Science and Technology for Development  
Social Development  
Statistics  
Status of Women  
United Nations Forum on Forests

**Regional Commissions<sup>8</sup>**  
**ECA** Economic Commission for Africa  
**ECE** Economic Commission for Europe  
**ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean  
**ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
**ESCWA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

**Other Bodies**  
Committee for Development Policy  
Committee of Experts on Public Administration  
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations  
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues  
**UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS  
**UNGEGN** United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names  
**Research and Training**  
**UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute  
**UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

**Specialized Agencies<sup>1,5</sup>**  
**FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization  
**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development  
**ILO** International Labour Organization  
**IMF** International Monetary Fund  
**IMO** International Maritime Organization  
**ITU** International Telecommunication Union  
**UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization  
**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization  
**UPU** Universal Postal Union  
**WHO** World Health Organization  
**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization  
**WMO** World Meteorological Organization  
**World Bank Group<sup>7</sup>**  
• **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
• **IDA** International Development Association  
• **IFC** International Finance Corporation

**Departments and Offices**  
**EOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
**DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
**DFS** Department of Field Support  
**DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management  
**DM** Department of Management  
**DPA** Department of Political Affairs  
**DPI** Department of Public Information  
**DPKO** Department of Peacekeeping Operations  
**DSS** Department of Safety and Security  
**OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs  
**OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
**OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services  
**OLA** Office of Legal Affairs  
**OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa  
**PBSO** Peacebuilding Support Office  
**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict  
**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict  
**UNISDR** United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

**UNODA** United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs  
**UNODC**<sup>1</sup> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  
**UNOG** United Nations Office at Geneva  
**UN-OHRLS** Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States  
**UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi  
**UNOP**<sup>2</sup> United Nations Office for Partnerships  
**UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

**Notes:**  
1 All members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).  
2 UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.  
3 IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the GA.  
4 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.  
5 Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).  
6 The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.  
7 International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies but are part of the World Bank Group in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter.  
8 The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.

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



- Established jointly by the UN General Assembly and FAO as a 3-year pilot in 1961
- From 1961 to 1975 WFP was governed by an Intergovernmental Committee
- In 1976 the UN General Assembly and FAO replaced the Committee with a 42-member Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (CFA)
- In 1994, following General Assembly Resolution 48/162, the CFA was transformed into a 36-member Executive Board to govern WFP alone, effective 1 January 1996
- Also in 1994, the WFP Mission Statement was adopted, the 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)
- FAO Finance Committee
- ACABQ (comprised of UN 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



## The regional make-up of the Executive Board membership

**List A** Africa 8 members

**List B** Asia & Middle East 7 members

**List C** Latin America & the Caribbean 5 members

**List D** N. America, W. Europe, Japan  
Australia and New Zealand 12 members

**List E** Eastern Europe 3 members

+1 rotational  
seat from lists  
A, B and C  
(FAO)

# Quick facts about Executive Board sessions



Three **formal sessions** annually:

**First** Regular Session      February

**Annual** Session              June

**Second** Regular Session    November

**Documents** tabled can be:

- For Approval
- For Consideration
- For Information

Board **Languages:**

English | Français | Español | العربية

Decisions are made  
**by consensus**

# The Executive Board Bureau



## 2017 WFP Executive Board Bureau

**President:** Mr Yousef Jhail\*  
*Kuwait | List B*

**Vice-President:** Mr Zoltán Kálmán  
*Hungary | List E*

**Member:** Mr Haruna-Rashid Kromah  
*Liberia | List A*

**Member:** Ms Angélica Jácome  
*Panama | List C*

**Member:** H.E. Dr. Hans Hoogeveen  
*Netherlands | List D*

*\*Replaced H.E. Anil Wadhwa (India) as President as of 1 June 2017*

## What role does the Executive Board Bureau have?

- 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

# 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**

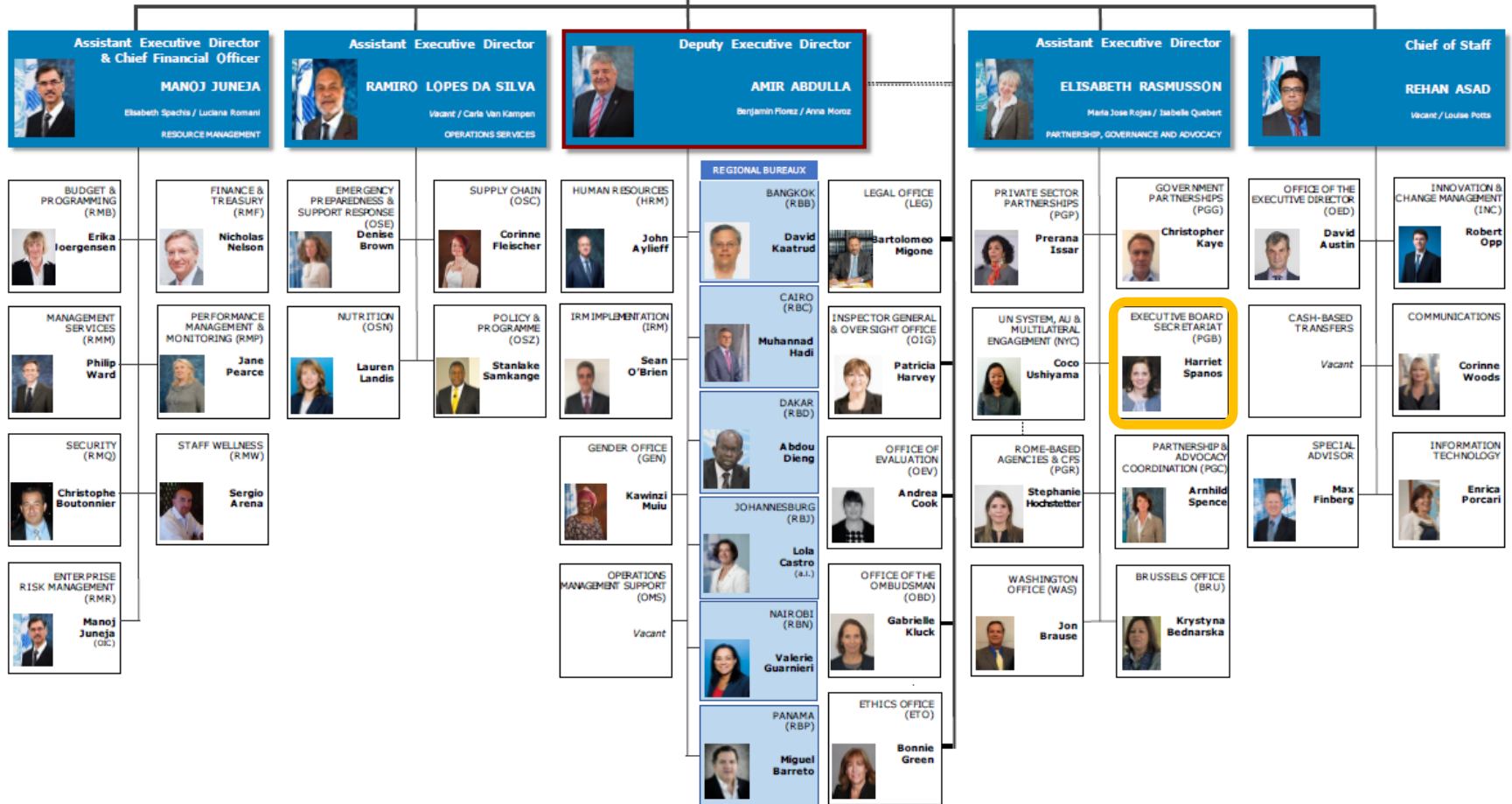
- Strategy framework
- Policy framework codification and regular review
- Oversight framework
- Accountability framework

# Where the Executive Board Secretariat fits in WFP

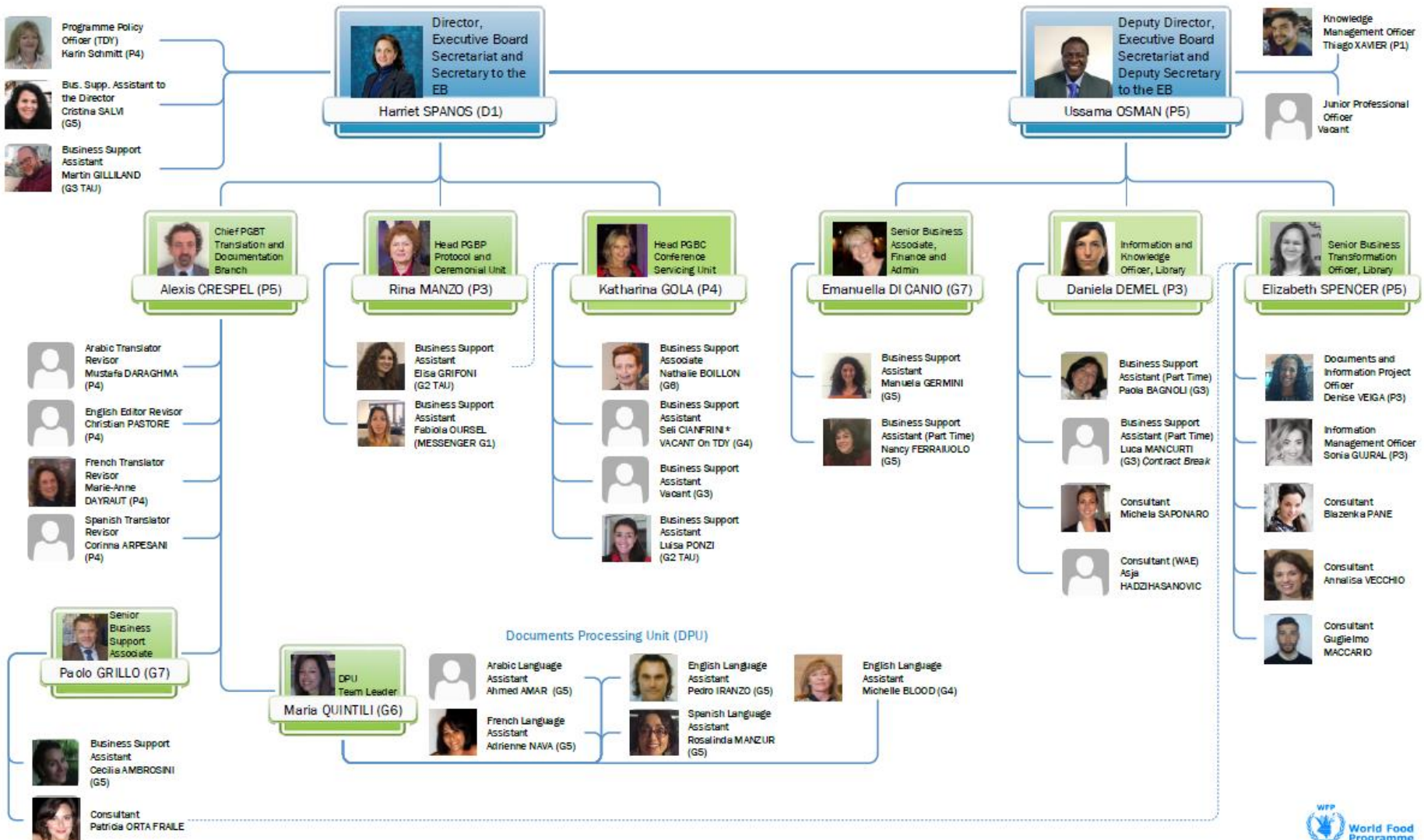
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
David Beasley



Robin O'Briskie



# How the Board Secretariat is made up





## What does the Executive Board Secretariat do?

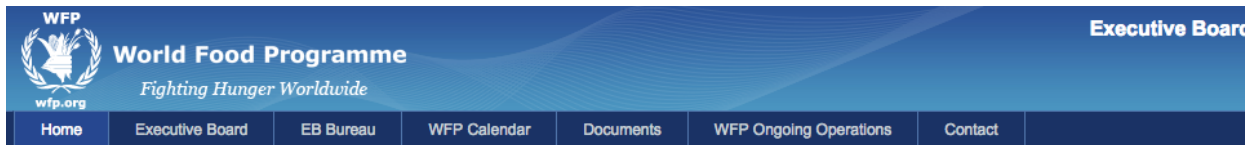
- Interface/Facilitator between Board & WFP Management
- Services provider to Board and Bureau
- Liaison with Permanent Representations
- Secretariat support to WFP Audit Committee



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**Calendar Highlights** [2017 WFP Board Events at a glance](#)  
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### Country strategic plans for review

The draft CSPs/ICSPs that will be submitted to the 2017 Second Regular Session are available at the following page: <http://executiveboard.wfp.org/country-strategic-plans>. Delegations are encouraged to share their comments by **Friday, 22 September 2017**.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT WFP- HQ IN OCTOBER 2017

#### 3 October

- Seminar on the Integrated Road Map



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Revamp project

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