

# WFP Governance - A brief introduction



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# What to expect...

How governance is conducted

How the WFP Executive Board 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

**DM** Department of Management

**DPA** Department of Political Affairs

**DPKO** Department of Peacekeeping

Operations

**DPI** Department of Public Information

**DSS** Department of Safety and Security

OCHA Office for the Coordination of

Humanitarian Affairs



TRUSTEESHIP

COUNCIL<sup>6</sup>

### The United Nations System

**Related Organizations** 

Test-Ban Treaty Organization

ICC International Criminal Court

of the Sea

Chemical Weapons WTO1,4 World Trade Organization

ISA International Seabed Authority

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law

OPCW3 Organization for the Prohibition of

**HLPF** High-level political

forum on sustainable

development

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization

**UPU** Universal Postal Union

WORLD BANK GROUP7

Organization

WHO World Health Organization

WIPO World Intellectual Property

· IBRD International Bank for

· IDA International Development

WMO World Meteorological Organization

Reconstruction and Development

· IFC International Finance Corporation

CTBTO Preparatory Commission Preparatory

IAEA<sup>1,3</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency

IOM<sup>1</sup> International Organization for Migration

Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-

#### UN PRINCIPAL **Subsidiary Organs** Research and Training Other Entities Funds and Programmes<sup>1</sup> **ORGANS** UNIDIR United Nations Institute for Main Committees UNDP United Nations Development Programme ITC International Trade Centre (UN/WTO) Disarmament Research Disarmament Commission UNCTAD<sup>1,8</sup> United Nations Conference on Trade · UNCDF United Nations Capital Development **UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Human Rights Council Training and Research · UNV United Nations Volunteers UNHCR1 Office of the United Nations International Law Commission **UNSSC** United Nations System Staff High Commissioner for Refugees UNEP<sup>8</sup> United Nations Environment Programme **GENERAL** Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) UNOPS<sup>1</sup> United Nations Office for **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund Standing committees and **ASSEMBLY UNU** United Nations University **Project Services** ad hoc bodies UN-Habitat<sup>8</sup> United Nations Human Settlements UNRWA1 United Nations Relief and Works Programme Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund UN-Women United Nations Entity for Gender WFP World Food Programme (UN/FAO) Equality and the Empowerment of Women SECURITY COUNCIL **Subsidiary Organs** International Residual Mechanism for Peacekeeping operations and political missions Peacebuilding Commission Criminal Tribunals · Sanctions committees (ad hoc) Counter-Terrorism Committee Military Staff Committee · Standing committees and ad hoc bodies · International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) **ECONOMIC AND Functional Commissions** Regional Commissions\* Other Bodies Specialized Agencies1,5 SOCIAL COUNCIL · Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice **ECA** Economic Commission for Africa · Committee for Development Policy FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations · Narcotic Drugs **FCF** Economic Commission for Europe · Committee of Experts on Public Administration ICAO International Civil Aviation · Population and Development **ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations Organization America and the Caribbean · Science and Technology for Development · Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues IFAD International Fund for ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for · Social Development UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on Agricultural Development Asia and the Pacific HIV/AIDS Statistics ILO International Labour Organization ESCWA Economic and Social Commission for UNGEGN United Nations Group of Experts on · Status of Women Western Asia IMF International Monetary Fund SECRETARIAT Geographical Names · United Nations Forum on Forests IMO International Maritime Organization Research and Training ITU International Telecommunication Union UNICRI United Nations Interregional Crime and UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Justice Research Institute Departments and Offices® UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for **UNIDO** United Nations Industrial EOSG Executive Office of the **ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs Social Development Development Organization Secretary-General **OHCHR** Office of the United Nations **DESA** Department of Economic and High Commissioner for Human Rights INTERNATIONAL Social Affairs OIOS Office of Internal Oversight Services COURT OF JUSTICE **DFS** Department of Field Support **OLA** Office of Legal Affairs UNISDR United Nations Office for Disaster Risk **DGACM** Department for General Assembly Reduction OSAA Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and Conference Management UNODC1 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime PBSO Peacebuilding Support Office

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special

SRSG/VAC Office of the Special

on Sexual Violence in Conflict

on Violence Against Children

for Children and Armed Conflict

Representative of the Secretary-General

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UNOG United Nations Office at Geneva

**UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi

**UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

**Developing States** 

UN-OHRLLS Office of the High Representative

UNOP<sup>2</sup> United Nations Office for Partnerships

**Developing Countries and Small Island** 

for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked

- 1 Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- 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 in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are
- 8 The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- 9 The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, Office of Administration of Justice and the Office on Sport for Development and Peace

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

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 General Assembly (GA). 4 WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and

5 Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-

6. The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last

part of the World Bank Group

## Seven Governance Facts about WFP

- 1961: Established jointly by UN General Assembly and FAO as a **3-year pilot**
- 1961-1975: governed by an Intergovernmental Committee
- 1976-1995: governed by 42-member Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (CFA)
- 1993: General Assembly Resolution 48/162 transforms CFA into 36member Executive Board to govern WFP alone, effective 1 January 1996
- 1994: WFP Mission Statement adopted (first for a UN agency)
- 22-23 January 1996: the first First Regular Session of the Executive Board convenes
- 1999-2005: WFP Governance Project led by the Executive Board

# 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

# **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 elected independent representative)
- 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 and Permanent Observer (EU)

1 vote per member

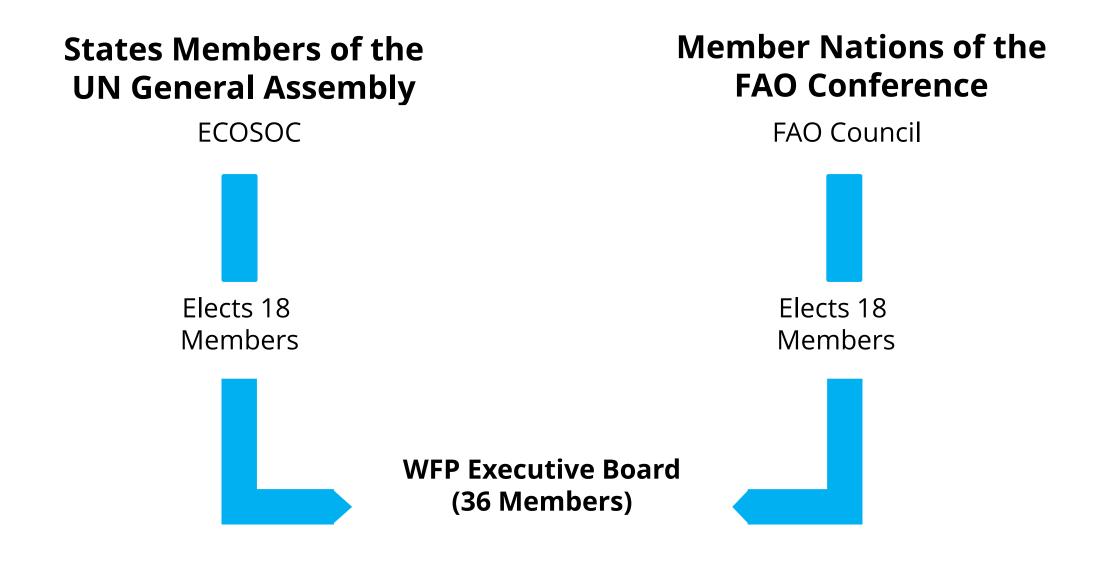
### **Reports to 2 governing bodies:**

- ECOSOC
- FAO Council

### 3 advisory committees:

- Audit (external experts)
- FAO Finance Committee (comprised of Member States)
- Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (comprised of Member States)

## **How the Executive Board is Constituted**



## **How Governance at WFP Works**

## **WFP Governance**

# **Executive Board** (36 Members)

- 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**

## Regional make-up of the Executive Board Membership

List A	Africa	8 members	
List B	Asia & Middle East	7 members	1
List C	Latin America & the Caribbean	5 members	(
List D	North America, Western Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand	12 members	ı
List E	Central and Eastern Europe	3 members	

+1 rotational seat from Lists A, B and C (elected via FAO Council)

## **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



**Top**: Ms. Khan (Pakistan)\*\*, Mr. Duffy (USA) and Ms. Fonseca Jaramillo (Colombia) **Bottom**: Mr. Kálmán (President) and H.E. Badr (Vice-President)

### **Role of the Executive Board Bureau**

- 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

### **2018 WFP Executive Board Bureau\***

President: Mr. Zoltán Kálmán

Hungary | List E

Vice-President: H.E. Hisham Mohamed Badr

Egypt | List A

**Member**: Vacant\*\*

List B

\*\*From 11 August 2018 led by Alternate Member Mr. Jishun CUI of China. Previously Ms. Wajiha Khan, (Pakistan) up to 10 August 2018.

**Member**: Ms. Mónica Fonseca Jaramillo

Colombia | List C

From 18 June 2018. Previously Ms. Maria Fernanda Silva (Argentina) up to 29 April 2018.

**Member**: Mr. Thomas Duffy *United States of America* | *List D* 

\*Elected on ad personam basis at First Regular Session for one year, with succession planning expected for Vice-President/President.

## The WFP Audit Committee



**Left to Right**: Ms. A. Slomka-Golebiowska (Poland), Mr. S. Kana (South Africa) Chairperson 2017-2018, Ms. E. J. June Cheung (China), Mr. O. Goswami (India)

# WFP Audit Committee

Mr. Suresh Kana (South Africa)

Chairperson 2017-2018

Ms. Elaine June Cheung (China)

Mr. Omkar Goswami (India)

Ms. Agnieszka Slomka-Golebiowska (Poland)

Vacant\*

\* From 9 September 2018

### **Quick Facts of the Audit Committee**

- Serves in an expert advisory capacity to assist the Executive Board and the Executive Director in exercising their governance responsibilities for financial reporting, internal control arrangements, risk management processes and other audit related matters
- Members are selected and appointed by the Executive Board for three-year terms, renewable once
- Wholly independent and external to the WFP Executive Board Secretariat and the Executive Board

## The WFP External Auditor

## **Quick Facts about the External Auditor**

- Performs audits of WFP accounts and other tasks requested by the Executive Board
- Full scope of work and Terms of Reference defined by Chapter XIV of WFP Financial Regulations
- Selected and appointed by the Executive Board through a competitive process led by the Bureau for a non-renewable six-year term\*; another appointment is possible after a break of at least one term:
  - Must be the Auditor-General (or equivalent) of a State member
  - The *Cour des comptes* of France was appointed in November 2015 for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2022 (<u>Decisions and Recommendations of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2015</u>)
  - Previous External Auditors:
    - Comptroller and Auditor General of India (1 July 2010 to 30 June 2016);
    - National Audit Office of the United Kingdom (1 July 2002 to 30 June 2006 and 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2010); and
    - *Cour des comptes of France* (1 July 1994 to 30 June 1998 and 1 July 1998 to 30 June 2002)

<sup>\*</sup> Before mid-2010, it was a four-year term

## **Board Activities**

### **Joint United Nations Activities**:

- Annual Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards (JMB) of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN and WFP in New York (May/June)
- Annual Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards (JFV) of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN and WFP (April/May)

### **Board Field Visit**

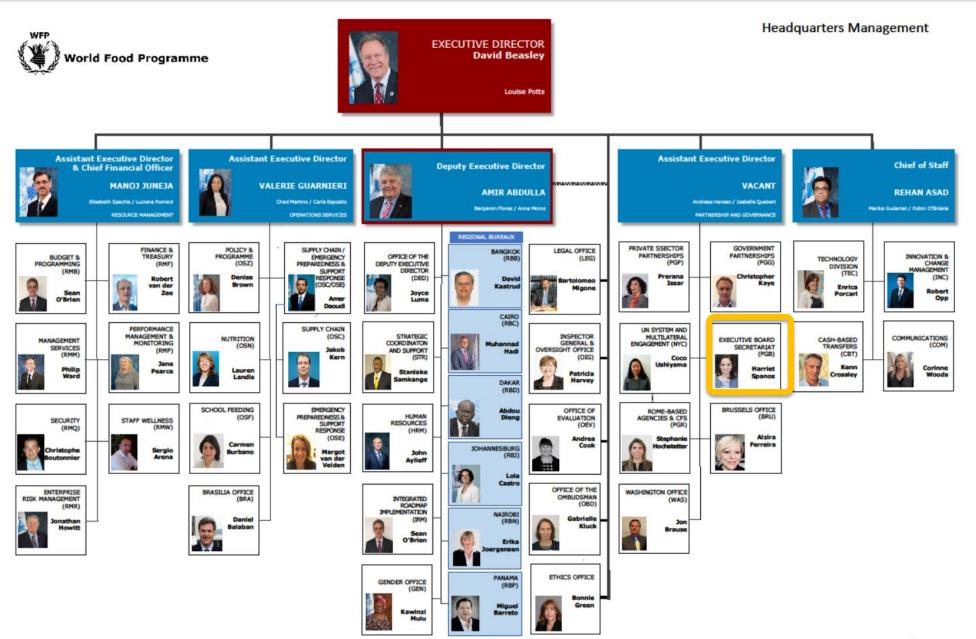
- Annual field visit to view WFP operations (September/October/November)
  - First-hand exposure to operations brings context to Board dialogue
  - Opportunity to meet with people WFP serves

## **United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) visit**

- Twice-annual (pending calendar availability) to visit UNHRD in Brindisi
  - First-hand understanding of emergency preparedness work
  - Ad hoc tour of facility first established hub in WFP UNHRD network
  - Co-located with UN Logistics Base/UN Global Service Centre for UN coherence

\*October 2018: first Board visit to the **Munich Innovation Accelerator** – will become annual occurrence

## Where the Executive Board Secretariat fits in WFP



# Composition of the Board Secretariat

January 2019

A indicates employee is on contact break or long term leave



Secretariat



**Director, Executive Board Secretariat and** Secretary to the EB Harriet SPANOS (D1)



**Deputy Director, Executive Board** Secretariat and Deputy Secretary to the EB Ussama OSMAN (P5)



**Business Support** Assistant to the Director M. GILLILAND (G3 TAU)



Staff Assistant to the Director C. SALVI (G5)



**Executive Board Officer** S. COLBOURNE (P2/JPO)



Chief, Translation & Documentation Branch (PGBT) A. CRESPEL (P5)



Head, Conference Servicing Unit (PGBC) K. GOLA (P4)

**Business Support** 

N. BOILLON (G6)

Associate



Protocol & Ceremonial Officer, Protocol & Ceremonial Unit R. MANZO (P3)



**EB** Website Manager, Business Transformation Team D. VEIGA (P3)



Head, Library & Research Center G. MU'AMMAR (P3)



Senior Business Associate, Finance & Admin Unit E. DI CANIO (G7)



**Arabic Translator** Revisor





**Business Support** Assistant L. PONZI (G2 TAU)



**Junior Consultant** F. OURSEL

**Business Support** 

E. GRIFONI (G3 TAU)

Assistant



Consultant B. PANE



Consultant A. VECCHIO



Consultant M. SAPONARO



Consultant (Librarian) A.HADZIHASANOVIC



Volunteer

M. Turashvili

**Business Support** Assistant P. BAGNOLI



**Business Support** Assistant N. FERRAIUOLO (G5 Part Time)

**Business Support** 

M. GERMINI (G5)

Assistant\*



French Translator Revisor M. DAYRAUT (P4)^

C. PASTORE (P4)



Spanish Translator Revisor C. ARPESANI (P4)



Senior Business Support Associate P. GRILLO (G7)



Assistant\* C. AMBROSINI (G5)



Website Documentation & Content Manager P. ORTA FRAILE (P1)^



**Documents Processing** Unit (DPU) Team Leader M. OUINTILI (G6)



Arabic Language Assistant Vacant (G5)



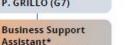
English Language Assistant P. IRANZO (G5)



French Language Assistant A. NAVA (G5)



\*Provides dedicated support to WFP Audit Committee on part-time basis. For Audit Committee matters. reports directly to Secretary/Director





Spanish Language Assistant R. MANZUR (G5)



## **Executive Board Secretariat**





### What does the Executive Board Secretariat do?

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

# WFP Library and Research Centre

The WFP Library & Research Centre helps WFP staff worldwide and external users, including the Executive Board Membership, to access information from WFP internal and external sources:

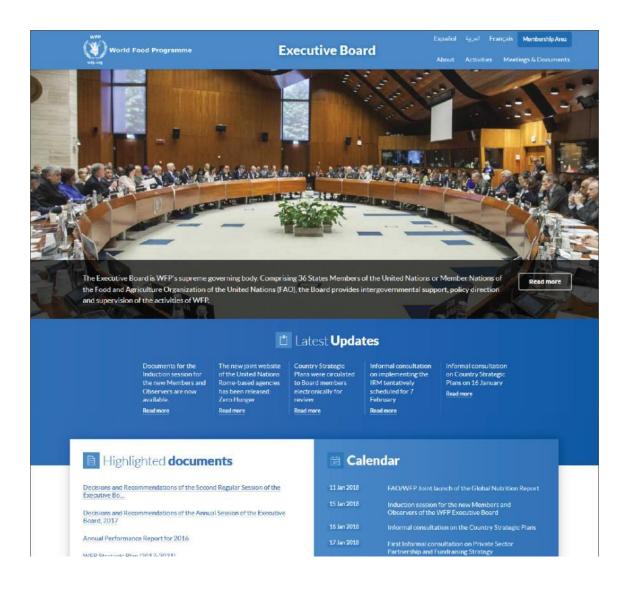
- Desk Research
- Loans
- <u>Electronic Services</u>
- Acquisitions of Publications
- <u>Briefings</u>
- Collection:
  - Periodicals
  - Reference Material
  - Online News Services
  - Research Databases
  - <u>Catalogue</u>





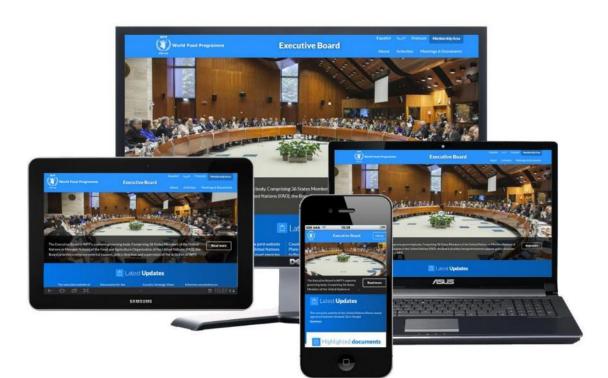


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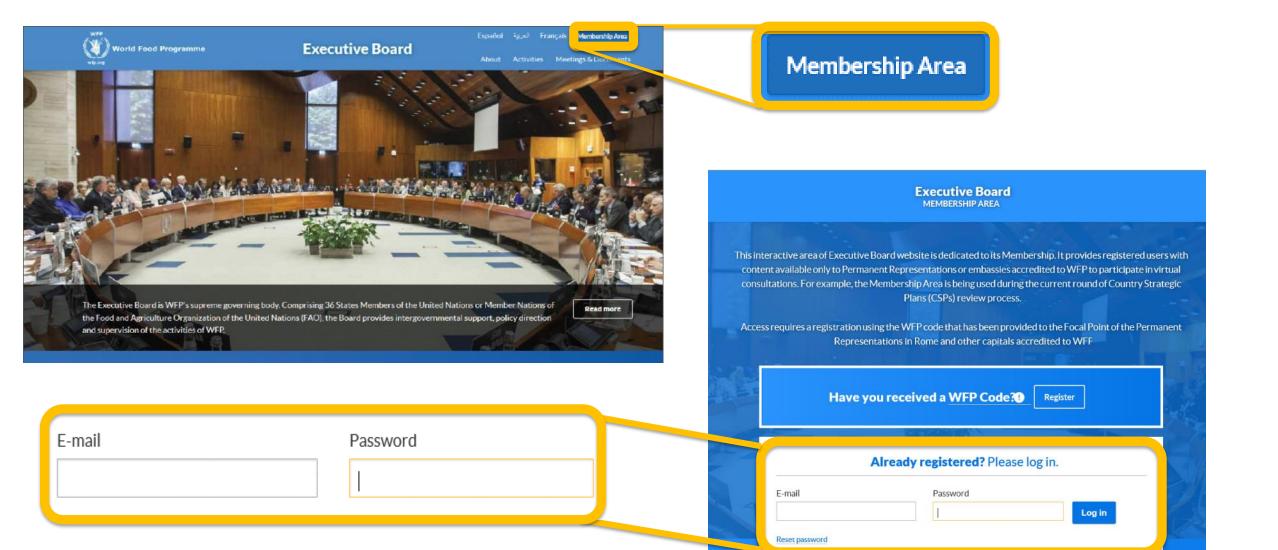


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# How to connect with us - Restricted Membership Area



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