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WFP Governance - *A brief introduction*



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



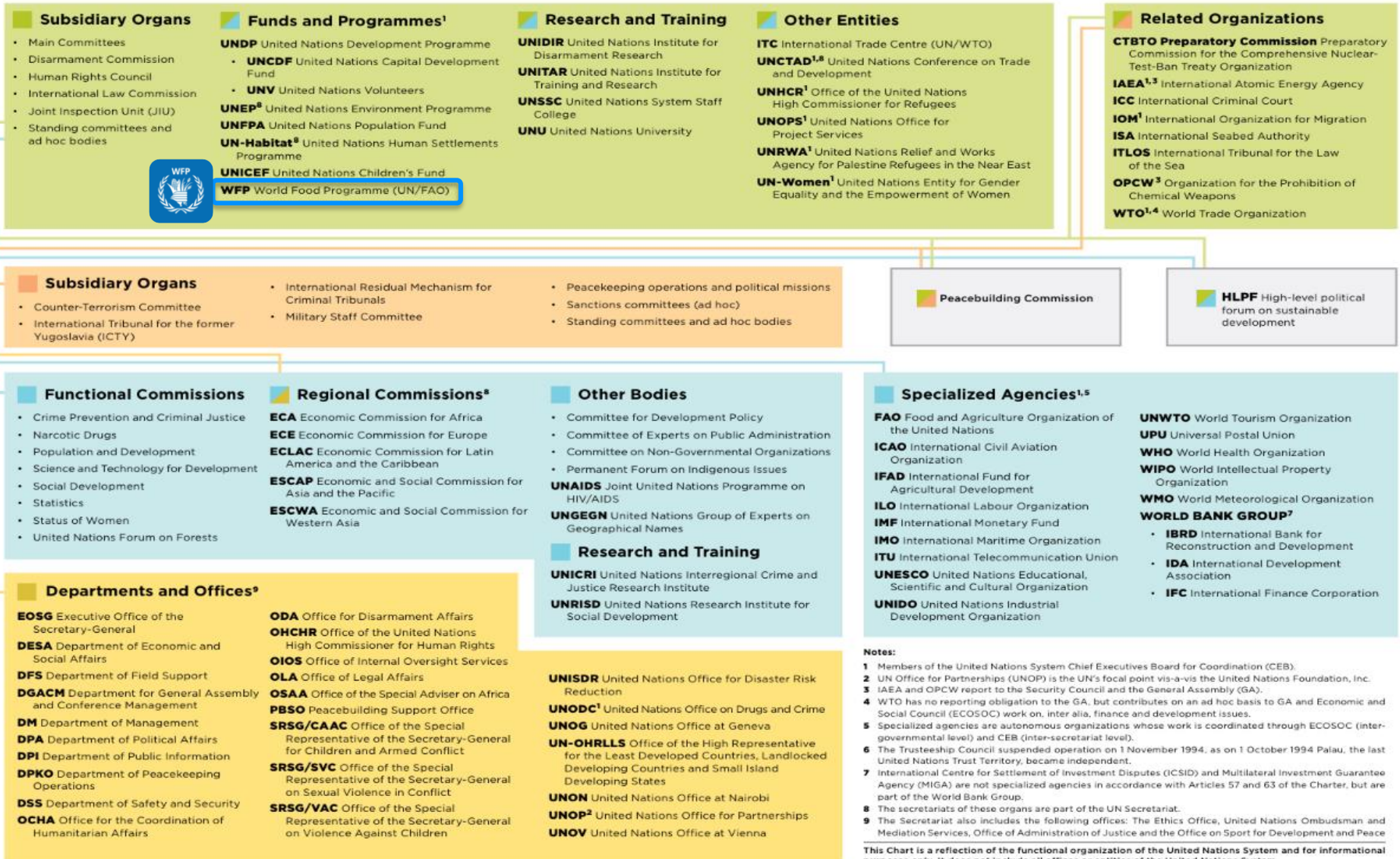
Where WFP Fits in UN System

The United Nations System



UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- SECURITY COUNCIL
- ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
- SECRETARIAT
- INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
- TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL⁶



Notes:

- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- 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.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- 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 part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- 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.

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 **36-member 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

**States Members of the
UN General Assembly**

ECOSOC



Elects 18
Members



**Member Nations of the
FAO Conference**

FAO Council



Elects 18
Members



**WFP Executive Board
(36 Members)**

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	+1 rotational seat from Lists A, B and C (elected via FAO Council)
List B	Asia & Middle East	7 members	
List C	Latin America & the Caribbean	5 members	
List D	North America, Western Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand	12 members	
List E	Central and Eastern Europe	3 members	

Quick facts about Executive Board sessions

Three **formal sessions** annually:

First Regular Session February

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Annual Session June

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Second Regular Session November

Board Languages:

English | Français | Español | العربية

Documents tabled can be:

- For Approval
- For Consideration
- For Information

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 ([Decisions and Recommendations of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2015](#))
 - 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)

* 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

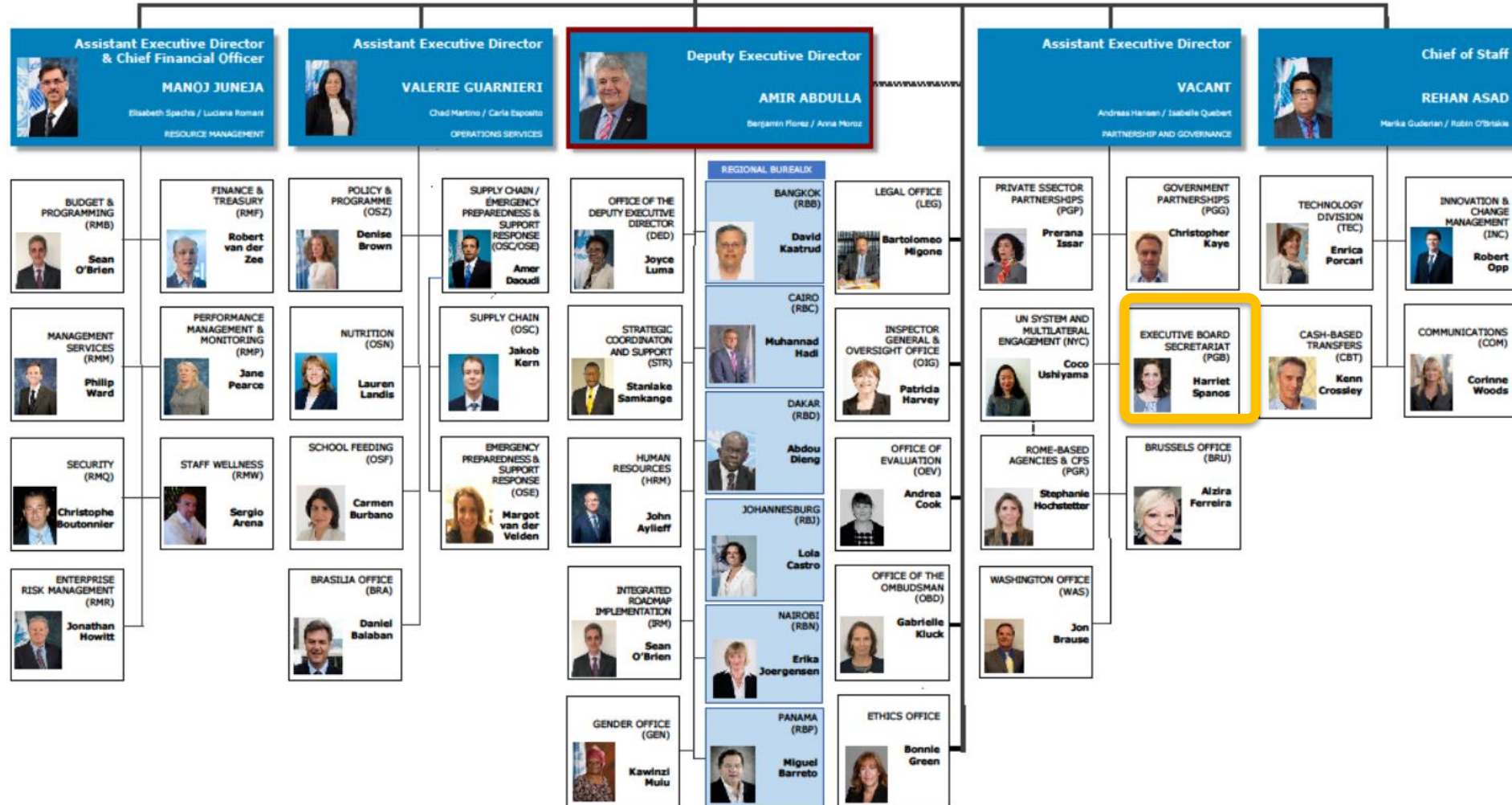
- **Twice-annual** (pending calendar availability) to visit UNHRD in Brindisi
 - First-hand understanding of emergency preparedness work
 - Ad hoc tour of facility — first established hub in WFP UNHRD network
 - Co-located with UN Logistics Base/UN Global Service Centre for UN coherence

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

Where the Executive Board Secretariat fits in WFP



Headquarters Management



Composition of the Board Secretariat

January 2019

[^] indicates employee is on contact break or long term leave



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)

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A. CREPEL (P5)

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

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)

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F. OURSEL

Business Support Assistant
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Consultant
B. PANE

Consultant
A. VECCHIO

Consultant
M. SAPONARO

Consultant (Librarian)
A. HADZIHASANOVIC

Business Support Assistant
P. BAGNOLI (G3)

Volunteer
M. Turashvili

Business Support Assistant*
M. GERMINI (G5)

Business Support Assistant
N. FERRAIUOLO (G5 Part Time)

Senior Business Support Associate
P. GRILLO (G7)

Business Support Assistant*
C. AMBROSINI (G5)

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

Documents Processing Unit (DPU) Team Leader
M. QUINTILI (G6)

Arabic Language Assistant
Vacant (G5)

English Language Assistant
P. IRANZO (G5)

French Language Assistant
A. NAVA (G5)

Spanish Language Assistant
R. MANZUR (G5)

English Language Assistant
M. BLOOD (G4)

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

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

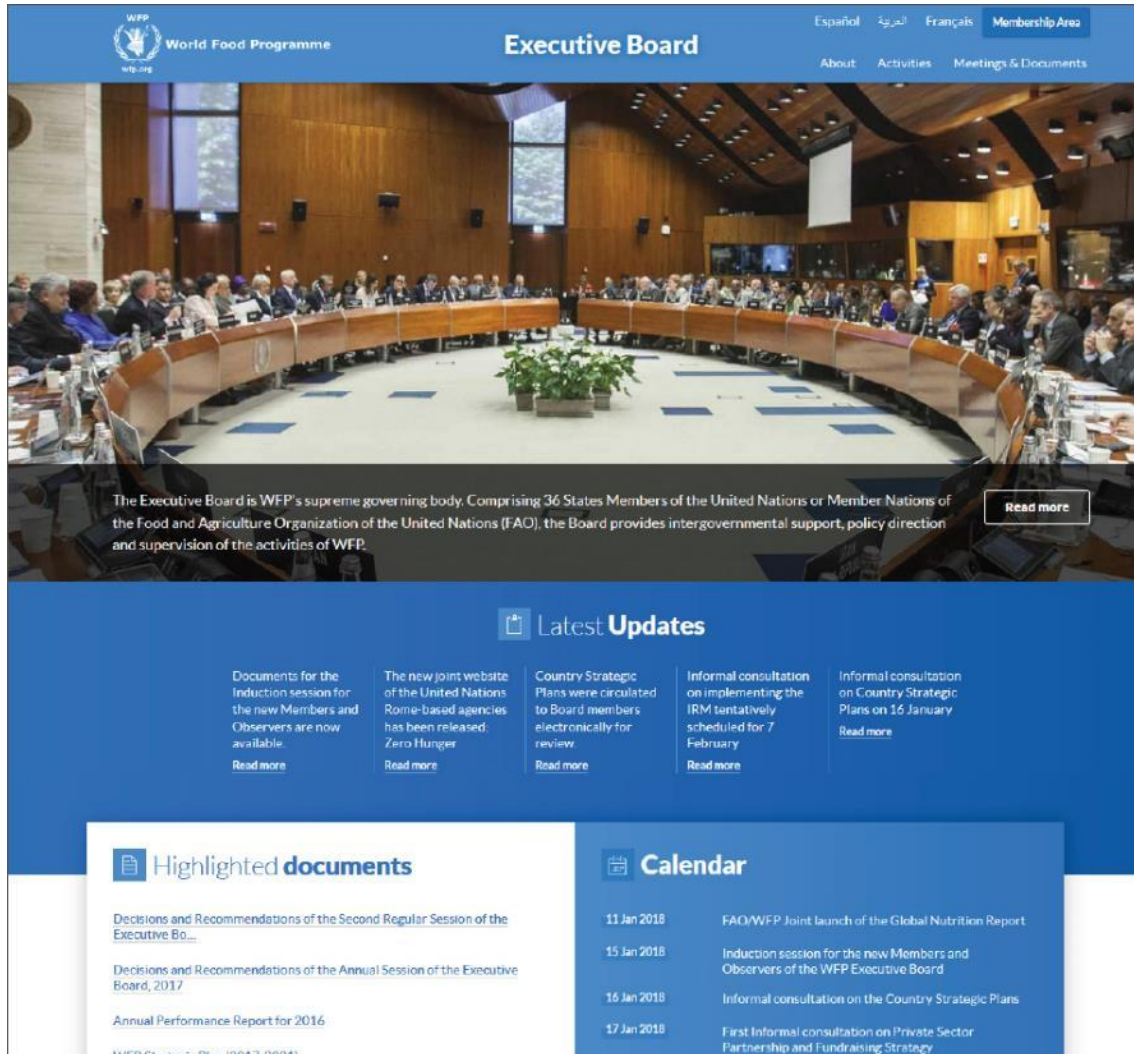
WFP Library and Research Centre

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How you can connect with us



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Executive Board website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the WFP logo, the text 'World Food Programme', and the title 'Executive Board'. Language options (Español, العربية, Français) and a 'Membership Area' link are also present. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a meeting in progress. A text box below the image describes the Executive Board as WFP's supreme governing body, comprising 36 States Members of the United Nations or Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Below this, there are sections for 'Latest Updates' and 'Highlighted documents'. The 'Latest Updates' section contains four items with dates and brief descriptions. The 'Highlighted documents' section lists three documents from the Executive Board's sessions.

Executive Board

Spanish العربية Français Membership Area

About Activities Meetings & Documents

The Executive Board is WFP's supreme governing body. Comprising 36 States Members of the United Nations or Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Board provides intergovernmental support, policy direction and supervision of the activities of WFP.

Latest Updates

- Documents for the Induction session for the new Members and Observers are now available. [Read more](#)
- The new joint website of the United Nations Rome-based agencies has been released. Zero Hunger. [Read more](#)
- Country Strategic Plans were circulated to Board members electronically for review. [Read more](#)
- Informal consultation on implementing the IRM tentatively scheduled for 7 February. [Read more](#)
- Informal consultation on Country Strategic Plans on 16 January. [Read more](#)

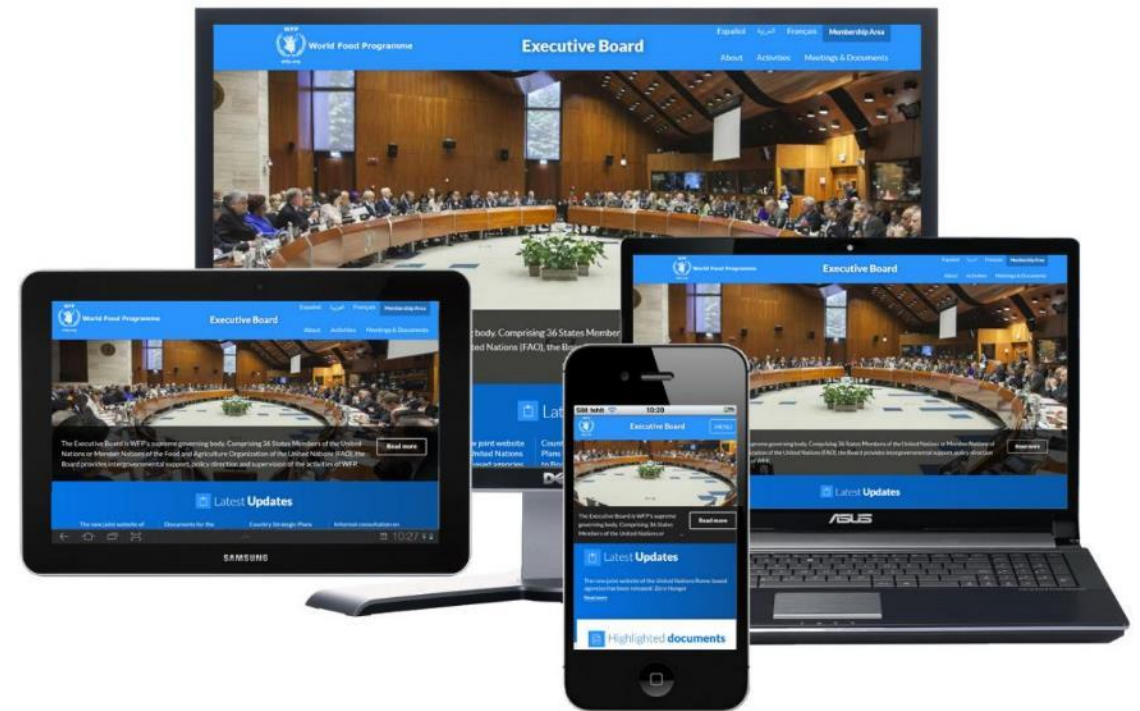
Highlighted documents

- Decisions and Recommendations of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board...
- Decisions and Recommendations of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2017
- Annual Performance Report for 2016

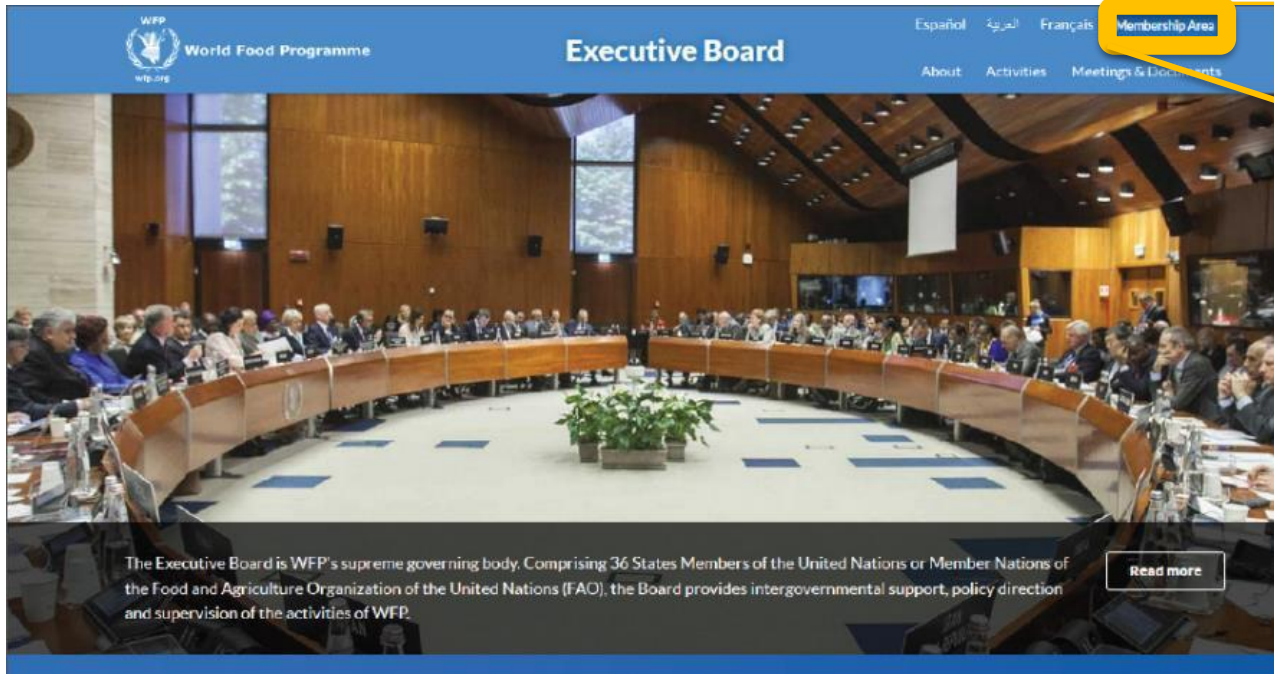
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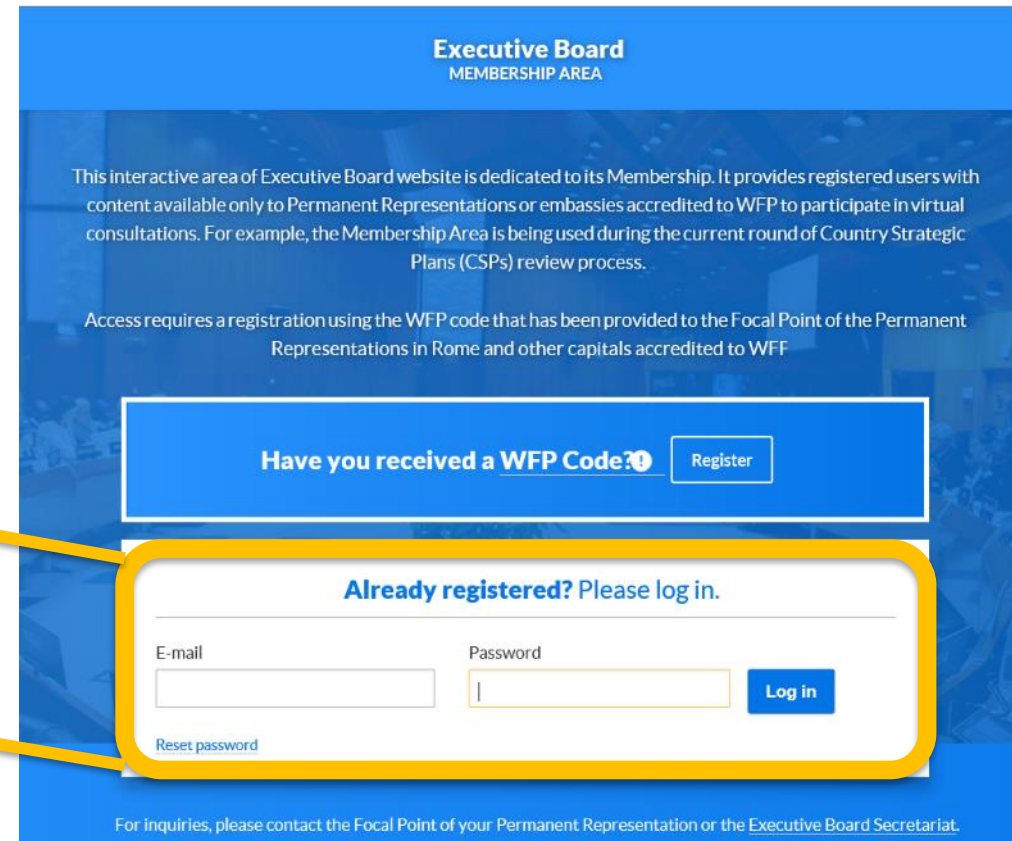
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