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Decisions and recommendations

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

The Board hereby decided that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with WFP Executive Board Rule of Procedure I.4, it would hold its first regular session of 2022 by digital means from 28 February to 2 March 2022.

28 February 2022

Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

28 February 2022

Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with its rules of procedure the Board unanimously elected H.E. Md. Shameem Ahsan (Bangladesh, List B) to serve as President for a one-year term.

The Board also unanimously elected H.E. Youssef Balla (Morocco, List A); H.E. Carlos Bernardo Cherniak (Argentina, List C); and H.E. Marcel Beukeboom (Netherlands, List D) to serve as members of the Bureau for one-year terms and H.E. Papa Abdoulaye Seck (Senegal, List A); Mr Hyungsik Kim (Republic of Korea, List B), H.E. Mario Arvelo Caamaño (Dominican Republic, List C); Ms Jette Michelsen (Denmark, List D) and H.E. Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó (Hungary, List E) to serve as alternate members of the Bureau for one-year terms.

With regard to the appointment of the Vice-President, lack of consensus among the members of List E on a single nominee led to a vote in which the Board chose between two candidates from that list. As a result of the vote, H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollock was elected to serve as Vice-President for a one-year term.

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed Mr Khalid Atlassi (Morocco, List A) to serve as Rapporteur for the current session.

1 March 2022

Current and future strategic issues

2022/EB.1/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board's comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

1 March 2022

Policy issues

2022/EB.1/2 WFP corporate results framework (2022-2025)

Having approved WFP's strategic plan for 2022–2025 (WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2), the Board approved the corporate results framework for 2022–2025 (WFP/EB.1/2022/4-A/Rev.1).

2 March 2022

2022/EB.1/3 WFP gender policy 2022

The Board approved the WFP gender policy 2022 (WFP/EB.1/2022/4-B/Rev.1) and took note of the policy implementation plan set out in annex III of the policy.

2022/EB.1/4 WFP evaluation policy 2022

The Executive Board approved the WFP evaluation policy 2022 set out in document WFP/EB.1/2022/4-C.

2 March 2022

Administrative and managerial matters

2022/EB.1/5 Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board approved the renewal of the term of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee as follows:

Mr Robert Samels, from 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2025.

1 March 2022

Eastern Africa portfolio

2022/EB.1/6 Burundi interim country strategic plan (2022–2024)

The Board approved the Burundi interim country strategic plan (2022–2024) (WFP/EB.1/2022/7-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 257,962,470.

3 March 2022

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2022/EB.1/7 Utilization of the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account reserve

Having considered the document entitled Utilization of the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account reserve (WFP/EB.1/2022/5-A/1), the Board approved the allocation from the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account of USD 30.0 million to the Immediate Response Account.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.1/2022/5-A/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.1/2022/5-A/3).

3 March 2022

Evaluation reports

2022/EB.1/8 Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's use of technology in constrained environments and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's use of technology in constrained environments (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-A) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-A/Add.1/Rev.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2022/EB.1/9 Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP response to the COVID 19 pandemic and preliminary management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the WFP response to the COVID19 pandemic (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-B) and encouraged management to give careful thought to the items for consideration set out in the report, taking into account the views expressed by Board members during their discussion of the matter. The Board noted that management's response to the evaluation would be presented in two stages, with a broad, strategic narrative response presented at the Board's 2022 first regular session and a complete response, in the usual format, presented at the Board's 2022 annual session.

3 March 2022

Southern Africa portfolio

2022/EB.1/10 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Zimbabwe (2017–2021) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Zimbabwe (2017–2021) (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-E) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-E/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2 March 2022

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2022/EB.1/11 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for El Salvador (2017–2021) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for El Salvador (2017–2021) (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-C) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-C/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2 March 2022

2022/EB.1/12 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Honduras (2018–2021) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Honduras (2018–2021) (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-D/Rev.1) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2022/6-D/Add.1/Rev.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2 March 2022

2022/EB.1/13 Caribbean multi-country strategic plan (2022–2026)

The Board approved the Caribbean multi-country strategic plan (2022–2026) (WFP/EB.1/2022/7-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 69,515,111.

2 March 2022

Western Africa portfolio

2022/EB.1/14 Cameroon country strategic plan (2022–2026)

The Board approved the Cameroon country strategic plan (2022–2026) (WFP/EB.1/2022/7-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 729,604,853.

Administrative and managerial matters (continued)

2022/EB.1/15 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in the document entitled Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (WFP/EB.1/2022/9-B/Rev.1) and endorsed the responses to the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations to the legislative bodies included in the annexes to the document.

3 March 2022

Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2022/EB.1/16 Summary of the work of the 2021 second regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2021 second regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.2/2021/13.

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- 1. Adoption of the agenda (for approval)
- 2. Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur
- 3. Opening remarks by the Executive Director

4. Policy issues

- a) Corporate results framework (2022–2025) (for approval)
- b) WFP gender policy 2022 (for approval)
- c) WFP evaluation policy 2022 (for approval)
- d) Compendium of policies relating to the strategic plan (for information)*
- e) Oral update on WFP's role in the follow-up to the United Nations food systems summit (for information)*

5. Resource, financial and budgetary matters

- a) Utilization of the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account reserve (for approval)
- b) Increase of strategic financing authority ceilings (for information)

6. Evaluation reports (for consideration)

- a) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's use of technology in constrained environments and management response
- b) Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP response to the COVID-19 pandemic and preliminary management response
- c) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for El Salvador (2017–2021) and management response
- d) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Honduras (2018–2021) and management response
- e) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Zimbabwe (2017–2021) and management response

7. Operational matters

- a) Country strategic plans (for approval)
 - 1. Burundi interim country strategic plan (2022–2024)
 - 2. Cameroon country strategic plan (2022–2026)
 - 3. Caribbean multi-country strategic plan (2022–2026)
- b) Revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Board by vote by correspondence (*for information*)
 - 1. Afghanistan country strategic plan (2018–2022)

^{*} Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

- 2. Namibia country strategic plan (2017–2022)
- c) Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, following comment by Member States (for information)
 - 1. Madagascar country strategic plan (2019–2024)
- d) Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (for information)
 - 1. Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (1 July–31 December 2021)
- e) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities (for information)*

8. Organizational and procedural matters

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2022–2023) (for information)

9. Administrative and managerial matters

- a) Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (for approval)
- b) Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (for consideration)
- 10. Summary of the work of the 2021 second regular session of the Executive Board (for approval)
- 11. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

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4 a)	WFP corporate results framework (2022-2025)	WFP/EB.1/2022/4-A/Rev.1
4 b)	WFP gender policy 2022	WFP/EB.1/2022/4-B/Rev-1
4 c)	WFP evaluation policy 2022	WFP/EB.1/2022/4-C
4 d)	Compendium of policies relating to the strategic plan	WFP/EB.1/2022/4-D

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

plan for Honduras (2018–2021)

5 a)	Utilization of the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account reserve	WFP/EB.1/2022/5-A/1
	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)	WFP/EB.1/2022/5-A/2
	Report of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.1/2022/5-A/3
5 b)	Increase of strategic financing authority ceilings	WFP/EB.1/2022/5-B/1
	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)	WFP/EB.1/2022/5-B/2
	Report of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.1/2022/5-B/3

Evaluation reports

6 a)	Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's use of technology in constrained environments	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-A
	Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's use of technology in constrained environments	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-A/Add.1/Rev.1
6 b)	Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP response to the COVID-19 pandemic	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-B
	Preliminary management response to the summary report on the evaluation of the WFP response to the COVID-19 pandemic	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-B/Add.1
6 c)	Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for El Salvador (2017–2021)	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-C
	Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for El Salvador (2017–2021)	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-C/Add.1
6 d)	Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-D/Rev.1

	Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Honduras (2018–2021)	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-D/Add.1/Rev.1	
6 e)	Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Zimbabwe (2017–2021)	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-E	
	Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Zimbabwe (2017–2021)	WFP/EB.1/2022/6-E/Add.1	
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. 7 a)	Burundi interim country strategic plan (2022–2024)	WFP/EB.1/2022/7-A/1	
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	Caribbean multi-country strategic plan (2022–2026)	WFP/EB.1/2022/7-A/3	
7 b)	Revision of the Afghanistan country strategic plan (2018–2022) and corresponding budget increase	WFP/EB.1/2022/7-B/1	
	Revision of the Namibia country strategic plan (2017–2022) and corresponding budget increase	WFP/EB.1/2022/7-B/2	
7 c)	Crisis response revision of Madagascar country strategic plan (2019–2024) and corresponding budget increase	WFP/EB.1/2022/7-C/1	
7 d)	Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (1 July–31 December 2021)	WFP/EB.1/2022/7-D/1	
Organizational and procedural matters			
8 a)	Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2022–2023)	WFP/EB.1/2022/8-A	
Administrative and managerial matters			
9 a)	Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee	WFP/EB.1/2022/9-A	
9 b)	Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP	WFP/EB.1/2022/9-B/Rev.1	
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12	Summary of the work of the 2022 first regular session of the Executive Board	WFP/EB.1/2022/12*	

Information notes

Provisional list of participants WFP/EB.1/2022/INF/1

Provisional timetable WFP/EB.1/2022/INF/2/Rev.1

Report by the Executive Director on recent senior staff WFP/EB.1/2022/INF/3

movements

^{*} To be issued after approval by the Executive Board at its annual session in June 2022.