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## Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

### Draft decision\*

The Board approves the appointment of the following candidate as member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee:

- Ms Jessica Faieta (Ecuador).

Her three-year term will begin on 25 February 2026 and expire on 24 February 2029.

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\* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the decisions and recommendations document issued at the end of the session.

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### Focal points:

See selection panel membership in paragraph 7

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## Background

1. Under the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) terms of reference,<sup>1</sup> the Board approves the appointment of Committee members on the recommendation of a selection panel consisting of five representatives, one from each of the electoral lists of the Executive Board, appointed by the Board.
2. The term of one member of the IOAC – Ms Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas concluded on 14 November 2025 at the end of her first term. The Executive Board and the Executive Director recognize, with gratitude, her strong contribution and distinguished service to WFP as a member of the Committee.
3. The terms of reference of the IOAC specify that “to undertake their role effectively, members of the IOAC should collectively possess recent and relevant knowledge, skills and senior-level experience in the following areas:
  - a) finance and audit;
  - b) evaluation;
  - c) organization governance and accountability structures, including risk management;
  - d) ethics;
  - e) understanding of general legal concepts;
  - f) senior-level management experience; and
  - g) the organization, structure and functioning of the United Nations system and/or other intergovernmental organizations.”
4. The terms of reference stipulate that due regard shall be paid to equitable geographic representation in the selection of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members.
5. To identify suitable candidates, WFP sought applications by advertising the position on its recruitment website and through its usual vacancy publicizing channels during 16 December 2025 to 11 January 2026.
6. WFP’s vacancy announcement and outreach yielded 361 external candidates – 31percent women and 69 percent men. The applications were narrowed down to a shortlist of the most highly qualified candidates. To pay due regard to equitable geographic representation, and given the nationalities of the four remaining members of the Committee,<sup>2</sup> particular attention was given to nationals of countries in List C.
7. To recommend candidates to be appointed or reappointed by the Board for any vacancies in the membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee that may occur in 2024 and 2025, the establishment of a selection panel was approved by the Board at its 2024 first regular session. The panel was composed of H.E. Mr Fredrick Matwang’a, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kenya; Mr Md. Al Amin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh; Ms Alicia Silvana Barone, Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina; H.E. Ms. Krisztina Bende, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland H.E. Mr Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary<sup>3</sup>.The selection panel narrowed down the shortlist to five candidates with the support of the Human Resources Division and the Chair of the IOAC in January 2026.

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<sup>1</sup> See [WFP/EB.2/2025/6-D](#).

<sup>2</sup> Mr Veerathai Santiprabhob (Thailand), Ms Margaret Dezse (Hungary), Mr Darshak Shah (Kenya) and Ms Laura Born (United States of America).

<sup>3</sup> See [WFP/EB.A/2025/9-B](#).

8. Following interviews of the short-listed candidates based on the above selection criteria, the selection panel concurred to recommend to the Executive Board that it approve the appointment of the following candidate:
  - Ms Jessica Faieta (Ecuador).
9. The curriculum vitae of the candidate is contained in the annex to this document.
10. If her appointment is approved by the Board, the new member would, under the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee's terms of reference, serve a renewable term of three years.

**ANNEX****Curriculum Vitae****Jessic Faieta**

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Nationality: Ecuador and Italy

**Current and past Board roles**

Museum for the United Nations – UN Live, Copenhagen: *Board Member, Member, Finance & Admin Committee (2021–Present)*

United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office, New York: *Member, Peacebuilding Hub Advisory Committee (2025–Present)*

Regional Human Development Report, UNDP, New York: *Member, Advisory Committee (2024–2025)*

United Nations Volunteers, Geneva: *Member, Advisory Committee (2023–2025)*

United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund for Peace in Colombia, Bogota: *Co-Chair (2019–2021)*

UNDP Executive Committee, New York: *Member, Assistant Secretary-General for Latin America (2014–2018)*

**Professional experience****Academic and Advisory Roles**

Yale University, Jackson School of Global Affairs, New Haven, United States of America  
Senior Fellow and Lecturer — *2022–present*

United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office, New York, United States of America  
Associate Editor (Consultancy) — *2024–2025*

United Nations Development Coordination Office, New York, United States of America  
Mentor for United Nations Resident Coordinators (consultancy) — *2022–2025*

**United Nations senior leadership assignments**

United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (Special Political Mission)  
Assistant Secretary-General/ Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General — *2018–2019*

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Colombia  
United Nations Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative — *2018–2021*

UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (RBLAC), New York, United States of America  
Assistant Secretary-General/Regional Director — *2014–2018*  
Deputy Regional Director — *2012–2014*

**UNDP country leadership assignments**

UNDP, Haiti  
Senior Country Director — *2010–2012*

UNDP, El Salvador  
United Nations Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative — *2007–2010*

UNDP, Belize  
United Nations Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative — *2007–2010*

**United Nations Secretariat**

Executive Office of the Secretary-General, New York, United States of America  
Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Secretary-General — *2006–2007*  
Principal Officer to the Chef de Cabinet — *2005–2006*

## **United Nations Development Programme**

Executive Office of the Administrator, New York, United States of America  
Deputy Director and Deputy Chief of Staff — 2002–2005

UNDP Bureau for Finance and Administration, New York, United States of America  
Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator and Director — 1995–1997  
Policy Officer — 1993–1995

UNDP Office of the Administrator, New York, United States of America  
Consultant — 1993

UNDP, Argentina  
Deputy Resident Representative — 2001–2002

UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, New York, United States of America  
Special Assignment (Simplification Initiative) — 2001

UNDP, Panama  
Deputy Resident Representative/Resident Representative a.i. — 1999–2001

UNDP, Cuba  
Deputy Resident Representative — 1997–1999

UNDP Belize (PRODERE Programme)  
Consultant — 1993

UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, New York, United States of America  
Consultant, Caribbean Division — 1991–1992

UNDP, Guyana  
Programme Officer (United Nations Volunteer) — 1991

## **Education**

State University of New York  
Doctorate Honoris Causa, Humane Letters

Columbia University, New York  
Master of International Affairs  
Master of Business Administration

State University of New York, New Paltz  
Bachelor of Science in Economics, cum laude

Institute for the Study of Economic Development, Naples, Italy  
Post-Graduate Diploma in Development Finance and Planning

Harvard University  
Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow

Yale University  
Senior Fellow | Yale World Fellow