

# WFP Governance - A brief introduction



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## 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



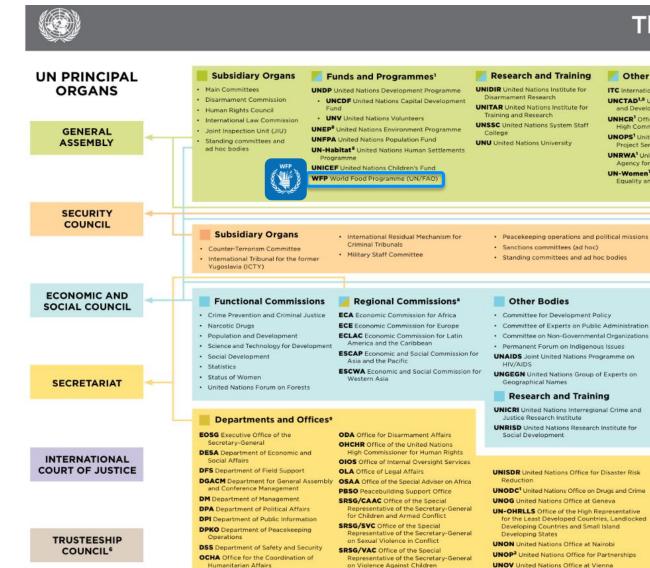








## Where WFP Fits in UN System



## The United Nations System

#### Other Entities

ITC International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)

UNCTAD<sup>1,8</sup> United Nations Conference on Trade

UNHCR1 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNOPS1 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 United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

### **Related Organizations**

CTBTO Preparatory Commission Preparatory sion for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

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

ICC International Criminal Court

IOM<sup>1</sup> International Organization for Migration ISA International Seabed Authority

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law

OPCW3 Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

WTO1,4 World Trade Organization

Peacebuilding Commission

HLPF High-level political forum on sustainable 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 entific 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?

- IBRD International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- · IDA International Development
- · IFC International Finance Corporation

- 1 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 General Assembly (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 in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group
- 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

## **Five 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)

## **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

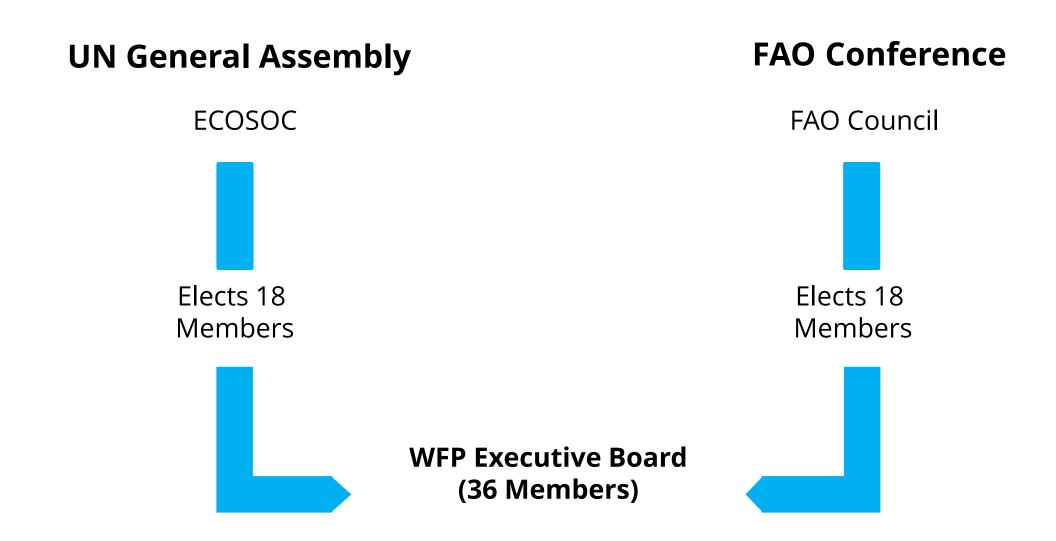
## Reports to 2 governing bodies:

- ECOSOC
- FAO Council

### 3 advisory committees:

- Audit (external)
- FAO Finance Committee
- ACABQ (comprised of UN Member States)

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



## **How Governance at WFP Works**

## **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**

## 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	Central and 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



**Top**: Ms. Khan (Pakistan), Mr. Duffy (USA) & Ms. Fonseca Jaramillo (Colombia) **Bottom**: Mr. Kálmán (President) & 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: Ms. Wajiha Khan

Pakistan | List B

**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

## 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

## **Board Activities**

### Joint United Nations Activities:

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

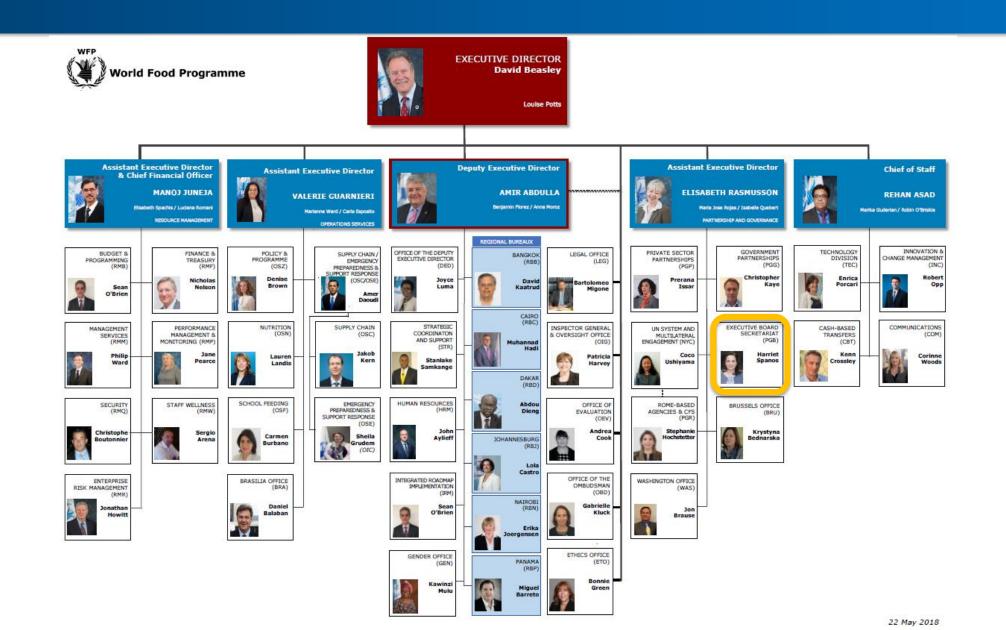
### **Board Field Visits**

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

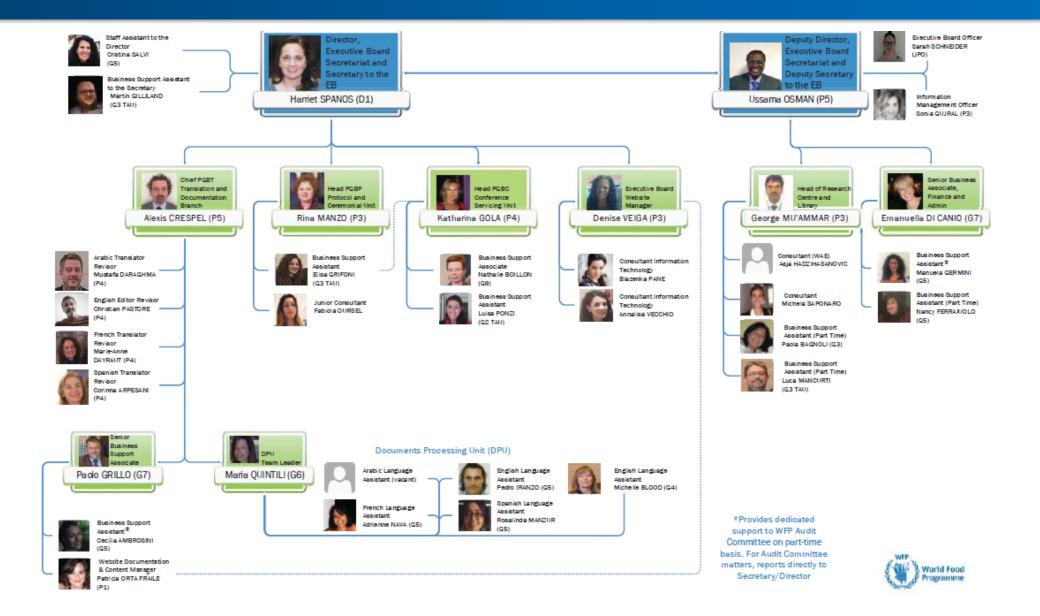
## United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) visit

- Twice-annual (pending calendar) 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

## Where the Executive Board Secretariat fits in WFP



# How the Board Secretariat is made up



## **Executive Board Secretariat**

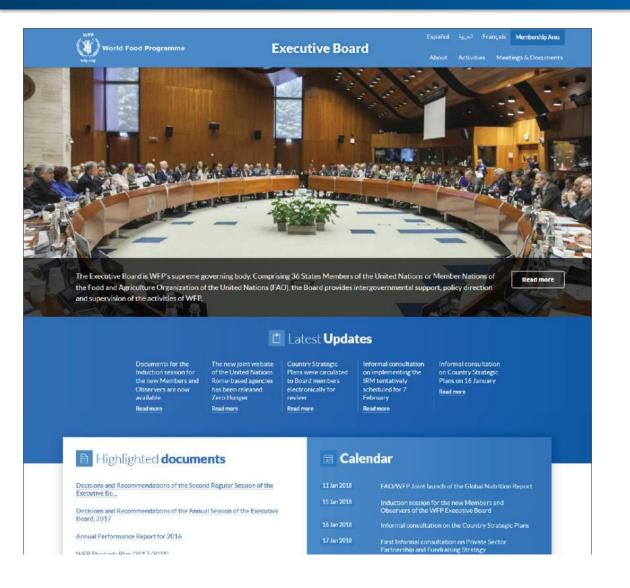




### What does the Executive Board Secretariat do?

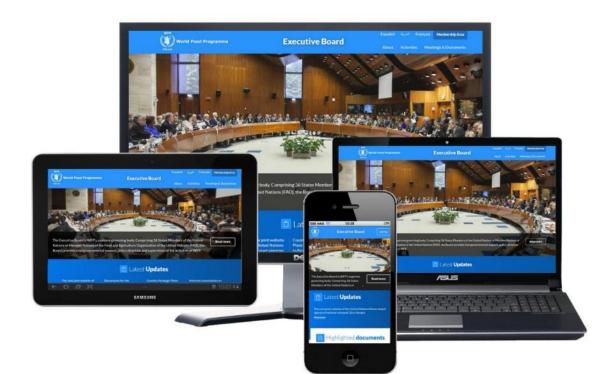
- Interface/Facilitator between Board & WFP Management
- Services provider to Board and Bureau
- Liaison with Permanent Representations
- Secretariat support to WFP Audit Committee

## How you can connect with us

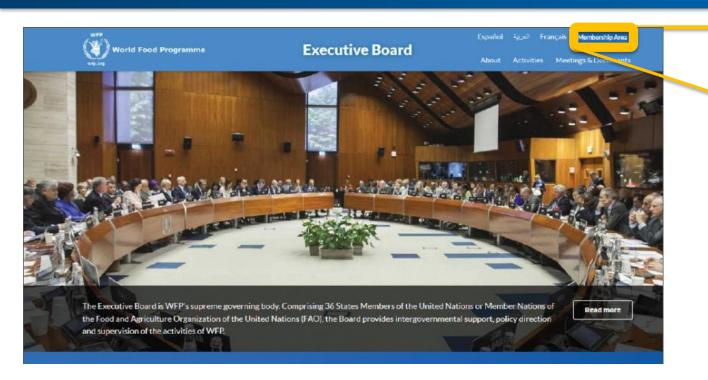


# **Executive Board Website:**<a href="mailto:executiveboard.wfp.org">executiveboard.wfp.org</a>

Contact us by E-mail: <a href="https://www.weigh.org">WFPSecretarytotheEB@wfp.org</a>



## How to connect with us - Membership Area



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