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Adoption of the agenda

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Annotated provisional agenda

1. *Adoption of the agenda*

Pursuant to Rule III of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, the Executive Director hereby presents, **for approval**, the provisional agenda of the 2019 annual session. During the session, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*

Pursuant to Rule XII and in keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.

3. *Opening remarks by the Executive Director*

Under this item, the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on current and future strategic issues facing WFP. This will be followed by remarks from special and high-level guests and an interactive question and answer segment.

His Majesty King Letsie III of the Kingdom of Lesotho will deliver a statement.

4. *Annual reports*

a) Annual performance report for 2018

General Rule VII.2 states: "Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for its consideration and approval** an Annual Report and other reports as directed by the Board." Governance recommendation (h), approved by the Board at its third regular session in 2000 (decision 2000/EB.3/1 – Follow-up to Executive Board Decision 2000/EB.A/6 on Governance), states: "An Annual Performance Report should be developed based on the Biennial Management Plan previously approved."

The annual performance report for 2018 aims to present a relevant and evidence-based analysis of WFP's performance, reflecting the commitments made for the year as defined in the strategic and management plans.

b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2018

The annual report of the Ethics Office will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Ethics Office in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 and will provide information about its activities.

- c) [Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2018 and management note](#)

The annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 and will provide information about its activities.

5. **Policy issues**

- a) [Revised Corporate Results Framework \(2017–2021\) – Part II: 2021 targets for the programmatic outputs and performance indicators](#)

During the consultations held in 2018 on the Revised Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021), the Board requested that additional elements of the framework be presented in 2019 **for its approval**. This item will include the 2021 targets for the programmatic outputs and performance indicators for the revised framework.

- b) [Revised charter of the Office of the Inspector General – POSTPONED TO THE 2019 SECOND REGULAR SESSION](#)

The current Charter of the Office of the Inspector General was considered by the Board at the 2015 annual session. In view of the developments in the area of oversight at WFP over the last years, a revised charter will be presented to the Board **for its approval**.

- c) [Update on the implementation of the 2018 Enterprise Risk Management Policy and WFP's Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Action Plan \(2018–2020\)](#)

An update on the implementation of the 2018 Enterprise Risk Management Policy, which was approved by the Board at its 2018 second regular session and of the WFP's Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Action Plan (2018–2020) will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- d) [Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response](#)

This document provides an overview of WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response during the last year, flags trends and challenges affecting WFP's response and highlights implications for WFP. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- e) [Update on the gender policy \(2015–2020\)¹](#)

When approving the gender policy (2015–2020) at its annual session in 2015, the Board requested that annual updates on the policy's implementation be presented. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

- f) [Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS*](#)

The document gives a progress report on the implementation of WFP's HIV and AIDS policy (WFP/EB.2/2010/4-A) in the context of continued scaling-up of treatment with anti-retroviral drugs. It also describes recent successes in integrating food and

¹ To be discussed at the session.

* In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the annual session and third regular session of 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.

nutrition into Global Fund proposals related to HIV and tuberculosis. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

- g) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)²

The Board will have an opportunity to dialogue within the membership and to receive an update from the WFP Secretariat on the implementation of the United Nations General Assembly resolution on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

6. Resource, financial and budgetary matters

- a) Audited annual accounts, 2018

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2018. They also contain a review by the External Auditor of the financial statements, which provides an independent assessment for the Secretariat and the Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of annual financial statements. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- b) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2019–2021)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, an update of the Management Plan for the period 2019–2021.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- c) Annual report of the Audit Committee

At its first regular session in 2009, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as an independent advisory body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. This annual report will cover the activities of the Audit Committee from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the committee for the period under review. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- d) Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board is provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities.

This report covering 2018 provides the oversight perspective regarding WFP's governance, risk management and control and provides overviews of the activities of the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Internal Audit and the Office of Inspections and Investigations. This report is submitted together with a note by the Executive Director. The two items are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

² To be discussed at the session.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- e) Report of the External Auditor on country portfolio budgets and WFP management response to the recommendations

This report presents the results of an external audit on country portfolio budgets. The main objectives of the audit were to determine: i) whether country portfolio budgets provide reasonable assurance that donor conditions and Executive Board authorizations are being met; ii) whether the cost categories introduced by the revised financing framework (transfers, implementation, adjusted direct support costs, indirect support costs) are distinguished with sufficient clarity to avoid duplication and ensure readability of expenditure executed; iii) whether the budgets allocated to cooperating partners are in line with the new budget structure; iv) what the impact of implementation of the revised funding framework is on budget management and country offices' workloads. The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- f) Report of the External Auditor on fraud prevention, detection and response and WFP management response to the recommendations

The primary aim of the audit was to: i) check compliance of the WFP approach with the international standards on the definition, prevention and detection of fraud and corruption; ii) ensure correct identification of the main sectors affected by fraud; iii) analyse the reasons for the low number of cases of fraud or suspected fraud reported each year in the report on the financial statements; iv) check whether the fraud detection tools put in place by WFP provide reasonable assurance that all significant cases of fraud are detected; v) ensure that the resources and means allocated to combating fraud are suitable. The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- g) Report on the implementation of the External Auditor recommendations

This report summarizes actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the External Auditor's recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- h) Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms during the period 1 January–31 December 2018

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility from 1 January to 31 December 2018. The document also presents a proposal for an increase of the Global Commodity Management Facility ceiling, **for approval** by the Board.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- i) [Report of the Executive Director on contributions in the form of commodities or services and on reductions or waivers of costs \(General Rule XIII.4 \(h\)\)*](#)

In accordance with General Rule XIII.4(h), this document is submitted to the Board **for information** and provides: i) a summary of contributions in the form of commodities or services from only governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors; ii) reductions or waivers for indirect support costs for in-kind contributions made to cover the direct support costs of an activity or activities.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

7. **Evaluation reports**

- a) [Annual evaluation report for 2018 and management response](#)

The annual evaluation report provides an overview of centralized and decentralized evaluations completed, conducted and planned. It examines the performance of the WFP evaluation function and highlights areas for attention in coming years. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- b) [Summary report on the evaluation of the update of WFP's safety nets policy \(2012\) and management response](#)

In line with the agreement that WFP policies be evaluated between four and six years following approval, this evaluation will assess the quality of the updated WFP policy on safety nets approved by the Board in 2012, its implementation arrangements and results. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- c) [Synthesis report of WFP's country portfolio evaluations in Africa \(2016–2018\) and management response](#)

This report will synthesize the findings and recommendations emerging from WFP's country portfolio evaluations in Africa to identify opportunities for learning and systemic improvements. The extent to which WFP's assistance has met evolving needs and made strategic shifts under the new CSPs will be examined. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- d) [Implementation status of evaluation recommendations](#)

This document presents the annual status report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations presented to the Board. It describes the actions taken by headquarters divisions, regional bureaux and country offices to implement evaluation recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

8. **Operational matters**

- a) [Country strategic plans](#)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following country strategic plans:

- 1) Armenia (2019–2024)
- 2) Benin (2019–2023)
- 3) Guinea-Bissau (2019–2024)
- 4) Haiti (2019–2023)
- 5) Lesotho (2019–2024)
- 6) Liberia (2019–2023)
- 7) Madagascar (2019–2024)

- 8) Morocco (2019–2021)
- 9) Sao Tome and Principe (2019–2024)
- 10) Tajikistan (2019–2024)
- 11) Togo (2019–2023) – POSTPONED TO THE 2019 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
- 12) Zambia (2019–2024)

b) Interim country strategic plans

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following interim country strategic plans:

- 1) Algeria (2019–2022)
- 2) Guinea (2019–2022)
- 3) Pacific interim multi-country strategic plan (2019–2022)

c) Projects approved by correspondence

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the following projects approved by correspondence prior to the 2019 annual session:

- 1) Budget revisions and extensions in time of transitional interim country strategic plans
 - 1) Iraq
 - 2) Mali

d) Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the following crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases submitted to the Board for comments:

- 1) Colombia
- 2) Eswatini

9. *Organizational and procedural matters*

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2019–2020)*

Further to a request by the Board at its third regular session in 2004, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2019–2020) is presented **for information**.

10. *Administrative and managerial matters*

a) Oral update on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination

At the request of the Bureau, the co-chairs of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination will provide an oral update on the work of the group **for consideration**.

b) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board

Staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

c) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2018*

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for information**, a report on food losses incurred prior to and after delivery in recipient countries.

At its 2000 annual session the Board “encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were further reduced and seek monetary reimbursement from those governments which had lost commodities through negligence”. The report describes the measures taken by WFP to keep pre- and post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2018. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

d) Update on food procurement*

At the Board’s 2006 first regular session Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to the policy outlined in the document entitled “Food Procurement in Developing Countries” (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This report, presented **for information**, provides: i) statistics on food procurement; ii) an update on food procurement capacity; and iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement. In accordance with General Rule XII.4, the report will also cover the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities in developing countries.

e) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories³

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report outlining WFP staffing as at 31 December 2018. It provides the number of international professional and higher category staff holding indefinite, continuing or fixed-term (one year or more) appointments and junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional and higher category staff.

f) Security report*

At its second regular session in 2007, the Board requested that the WFP Security Report be shared with Board members. This document presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2018 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. This document is presented **for information**.

11. Summary of the work of the 2019 first regular session of the Executive Board

In accordance with the Board’s decision at its 1996 second regular session on its methods of work, the summary of work of the 2019 first regular session is submitted **for approval**.

³ To be discussed at the session.

12. Other business

- a) Oral report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

An oral report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women, and WFP will be presented to the Board **for information**.

- b) Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

An oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will be presented to the Board **for information**.

- c) Oral update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service

At the request of the Bureau, an oral update on the operations and activities of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service will be presented to the Board **for information**.

- d) Oral update on WFP operations in Yemen

At the request of the Bureau, an oral update on the operations of WFP in Yemen will be presented to the Board **for information**.

13. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

The Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.