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

1. Since 2005, the biennial programme of work is submitted at the first regular and annual sessions for information and at the second regular session for approval. This document is therefore submitted to the Board for information.

2. The biennial programme of work is a living document that is regularly updated on the basis of information received from the Secretariat and Board members; it is also reviewed regularly by the Bureau.
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EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)
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### POLICY ISSUES

**EB.1/2019 (25–27 February)**

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

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.

**EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)**

➢ Revised Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021) – Part II: 2021 targets for the programmatic outputs and performance indicators (A)

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.

➢ Update on the implementation of the 2018 Enterprise Risk Management Policy and WFP's Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Action Plan (2018–2020) (C)

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.

➢ Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (C)

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.

➢ Update on the gender policy (2015–2020) (I)

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.

➢ Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS (I)

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 nutrition into Global Fund proposals related to HIV and tuberculosis.
➢ Update on WFP’s implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) (I)

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.

EB.2/2019 (18–22 November)

➢ Private-sector partnership and fundraising strategy (A)

The WFP private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2013/5-B) was approved by the Board at its annual session in 2013. A new strategy will be presented to the Board for its approval.

➢ Revised Charter of the Office of the Inspector General (A)

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.

➢ WFP’s strategy for increased procurement from smallholder farmers (A)

Following the request from the Board to revise the policy on food procurement in developing countries, the Secretariat has proposed to present a broader strategy on how WFP will enhance its procurement from smallholder farmers. This item will be presented to the Board for its approval.

➢ Update on the Integrated Road Map (C)

Following the implementation of the Integrated Road Map, the Secretariat will present to the Board an update of the delegations of authority, for its consideration.

➢ Update on the humanitarian protection policy (C)

Following the recommendation made in the evaluation of the WFP humanitarian protection policy for 2012–2017 and prior to the presentation of a revised policy, the Secretariat will present an update on the humanitarian protection policy for consideration by the Board.


The Secretariat will present the new guidance and Member States will be invited to share their views on the implications this guidance will have for the elaboration of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. The item will be presented to the Board for consideration.

➢ Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies (I)

At its second regular session in 2010, the Board asked the Secretariat to report annually on Rome-based agency collaboration as a follow-up to the document entitled “Directions for collaboration among the Rome-based agencies” (WFP/EB.2/2009/11-C). The report provides a comprehensive overview on the collaboration, along with any new areas of collaboration, initiatives and partnerships for food and nutrition security.

➢ Compendium of policies relating to the Strategic Plan (I)

At its annual session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations contained in the report of the working group on governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. At the Board’s request in 2010, the compendium was reorganized to focus on policies relating to the goals of the Strategic Plan.
➢ **Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) (I)**

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.

**EB.1/2020 (24–28 February)**

➢ **Policy on WFP's role in urban areas (A)**

This policy will build on the document entitled “Urban Food Insecurity: Strategies for WFP”, approved by the Board in 2002, and will reflect recent research, WFP experience in urban contexts and the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development held in October 2016.

➢ **Update on the Integrated Road Map (A)**

Following the implementation of the Integrated Road Map, the Secretariat will present to the Board an update of the delegations of authority, for its approval.

**EB.A/2020 (15–19 June)**

➢ **Country capacity strengthening policy (A)**

As a follow-up to the recommendations presented to the Board at the first regular session of 2017 in the evaluation of WFP’s policy on capacity development, the Secretariat will present a country capacity strengthening policy for approval.

➢ **Mid-term review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021) (C)**

At its 2016 second regular session, the Board approved the WFP Strategic Plan for the period 2017-2021. This mid-term review will report progress on the Strategic Objectives and draw attention to changes since 2016 that need to be taken into account in the next Strategic Plan. This item is presented to the Board for consideration.

➢ **Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (C)**

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.

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

**EB.2/2020 (16–20 November)**

➢ **Revised humanitarian protection policy (A)**

Following the recommendation made in the evaluation of the WFP humanitarian protection policy for 2012–2017, the Secretariat will present a revised policy for approval by the Board.

➢ **Resilience strategy (A) (to be confirmed)**

As a follow-up to the recommendations of the strategic evaluation of WFP’s support for enhanced resilience submitted to the Board at its 2019 first regular session, the Secretariat will present to the Board a resilience strategy for its approval.

➢ **Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies (I)**

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### RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

For all items presented under this section, the Board will have before it, for information, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the FAO Finance Committee.

**EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)**

➢ **Audited annual accounts, 2018 (A)**

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.

➢ **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.

➢ **Annual report of the Audit Committee (C)**

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.

➢ **Annual report of the Inspector General (C) and note by the Executive Director (C)**

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.

➢ **Report of the External Auditor on country portfolio budgets (C) and WFP management response to the recommendations (C)**

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.
Report of the External Auditor on management matters fraud prevention, detection and response (C) 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.

Report on the implementation of the External Auditor recommendations (C)

This report summarizes actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the External Auditor's recommendations.

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

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.

Report of the Executive Director on the contributions in the form of commodities or services and on reductions or waivers of costs (General Rule XIII.4 (h)) (I)

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 only from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors; ii) reductions or waivers for indirect support costs in respect of in-kind contributions to cover direct support costs of an activity or activities.

EB.2/2019 (18–22 November)

WFP Management Plan (2020–2022) (A)

The Board will have before it, for approval, the Management Plan for the period 2020–2022, including WFP's budget for 2020.

Work plan of the External Auditor (I)

This document presents the work plan of the External Auditor, detailing the audit activities for the period 2019–2020. Adherence to international standards on auditing and proven audit methods will form the basis of the External Auditor's assurance of providing high-quality services to WFP. The work plan covers financial, performance and compliance audits as well as quality reviews and individual audit assessments.

EB.A/2020 (15–19 June)

Audited annual accounts, 2019 (A)

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2019. 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 the annual financial statements. This item is presented to the Board for approval.

Annual report of the Audit Committee (C)

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➢ Reports of the External Auditor on management matters (C) and WFP management responses to the External Auditor’s recommendations (C)

To draw attention to the priorities agreed by the Board, the External Auditor has selected areas of high importance in terms of their significance to the efficient and effective operation of WFP and the scale of resources devoted to them. Each report on management matters focuses on a single area. As requested by the Board at its annual session in 2008, the response by the Secretariat to the recommendations contained in the report is also presented.

➢ Report on the implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations (C)

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

➢ Report on the utilization of WFP’s advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2019) (C)


➢ 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)) (I)

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EB.2/2020 (16–20 November)

➢ WFP Management Plan (2021–2023) (A)

The Board will have before it, for approval, the Management Plan for the period 2021–2023, including WFP’s budget for 2021.

➢ Work plan of the External Auditor (I)

This document presents the work plan of the External Auditor, detailing the audit activities for the period 2020–2021. Adherence to international standards on auditing and proven audit methods will form the basis of the External Auditor’s assurance of providing high-quality services to WFP. The work plan covers financial, performance and compliance audits as well as quality reviews and individual audit assessments.
EVALUATION REPORTS

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board for consideration. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and of the accompanying matrix summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations.

EB.1/2019 (25–27 February)

➢ **Summary evaluation report of the strategic evaluation of WFP’s support for enhanced resilience and management response (C)**

This formative evaluation takes a “theory of delivery” approach to assess how well WFP is prepared to deliver on its resilience-related commitments, including an examination of the following areas: concept, strategy, guidance, systems, programmes, partners, people and information. Evaluation findings, conclusions and recommendations will inform the systemic, organizational change required to enhance the resilience of target populations.

➢ **Summary evaluation report – Ethiopia country portfolio (2012-2017) and management response (C)**

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people’s needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office’s strategic direction, planning and programme implementation.

EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)

➢ **Annual evaluation report for 2018 and management response (C)**

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.

➢ **Summary report on the evaluation of the update of WFP’s safety nets policy (2012) and management response (C)**

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.

➢ **Synthesis report of WFP’s country portfolio evaluations in Africa (2016–2018) and management response (C)**

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.

➢ **Implementation status of evaluation recommendations (C)**

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.

EB.2/2019 (18–22 November)

➢ **Summary evaluation report of the WFP people strategy (2014) and management response (C)**

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 WFP People Strategy, its implementation arrangements and results.
➢ Summary evaluation report of WFP's Northern Nigeria crisis response and management response (C)

In line with WFP policy to assess Level 3 emergency responses, the evaluation will assess the Level 3 response in Northeast Nigeria (2016-2018), including the appropriateness of the response, results achieved and reasons for the observed results. It will draw lessons to inform WFP’s management decisions and future corporate responses.

EB.1/2020 (24–28 February)

➢ Summary evaluation report – WFP’s capacity to respond to emergencies and management response (C)

This evaluation will examine the influence of systems and procedures on the scale, coverage, speed and quality of WFP’s response, the roles of the coordination and humanitarian clusters and transitions into and out of emergency response.

EB.A/2020 (15–19 June)

➢ Annual evaluation report for 2019 and management response (C)

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.

➢ Summary evaluation report – Gender policy (2015–2020) and management response (C)

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 Gender policy (2015-2020), its implementation arrangements and results.

➢ Summary evaluation report – Funding WFP’s work and management response (C)

This evaluation will examine WFP’s ability to secure predictable and adequate resources, the use of trust funds, pooled funds and joint fundraising approaches, and partnerships with governments and the private sector.

➢ Implementation status of evaluation recommendations (C)

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.

EB.2/2020 (16–20 November)

➢ Summary evaluation report – School feeding effects on hunger and nutrition and management response (C)

This evaluation will provide an analysis of the effects of school feeding on hunger and nutrition, with a view to meet the coverage norm for evaluation of the school feeding policy (2013), while expanding the scope of the evaluation to a broader consideration of related topics such as capacity strengthening, technical assistance, South-South and triangular cooperation and partnerships.

➢ Summary evaluation report – Bangladesh country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plan (2017 - 2020). It evaluates the performance and results and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office’s subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.

➢ Summary evaluation report – Cameroon country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plan (2018 - 2020). It evaluates the performance and results and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office’s subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.
➢ **Summary evaluation report – Democratic Republic of the Congo interim country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)**

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the interim country strategic plan (2018 - 2020). It evaluates the performance and results of and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.

➢ **Summary evaluation report – Indonesia country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)**

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plan (2017–2020). It evaluates the performance and results of and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.

➢ **Summary evaluation report – Iran (Islamic Republic of) interim country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)**

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the interim country strategic plan (2018–2020). It evaluates the performance and results and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.

➢ **Summary evaluation report – Lebanon country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)**

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plan (2018 - 2020). It evaluates the performance and results and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.

➢ **Summary evaluation report – Syrian Arab Republic interim country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)**

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the transitional interim country strategic plan (2018) and preceding operations. It evaluates the performance and results and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.

➢ **Summary evaluation report – Timor-Leste country strategic plan evaluation and management response (C)**

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plan (2018 - 2020). It evaluates the performance and results and provides evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation.
OPERATIONAL MATTERS

EB.1/2019 (25–27 February)

**Country strategic plans (A)**

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

- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Congo
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Dominican Republic
- Malawi
- Nicaragua
- Nigeria

**Interim country strategic plans (A)**

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

- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Ethiopia
- Libya

**Short-term interim country strategic plans approved by vote by correspondence (I)**

The Board will have before it, for information, the following short-term interim country strategic plans approved by vote by correspondence:

- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Congo
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Dominican Republic
- Ethiopia
- Libya
- Malawi
- Nigeria

**Projects approved by correspondence (I)**

The Board will have before it, for information, the following projects approved by correspondence:

- Budget revisions and extensions in time of transitional interim country strategic plans
  - Liberia
  - Nicaragua
➢ Revisions of protracted relief and recovery operations and budget increases
  • Niger 200961

Projects submitted to the Board for comments (I)
The Board will have before it, for information, the following projects submitted to the Board for comments:

➢ Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases, submitted to the Board for comments
  • Bangladesh
  • Democratic Republic of the Congo

EB.A/2019 (10-14 June)

Country strategic plans (A)
The Board will have before it, for approval, the following country strategic plans:

➢ Armenia
➢ Benin
➢ Guinea-Bissau
➢ Haiti
➢ Lesotho
➢ Liberia
➢ Madagascar
➢ Morocco
➢ Sao Tome and Principe
➢ Tajikistan
➢ Zambia

Interim country strategic plans (A)
The Board will have before it, for approval, the following interim country strategic plan:

➢ Algeria
➢ Guinea
➢ Pacific interim multi-country strategic plan

Projects approved by correspondence (I)
The Board will have before it, for information, the following projects approved by correspondence:

➢ Budget revisions and extensions in time of transitional interim country strategic plans
  • Iraq
  • Mali

Projects submitted to the Board for comments (I)
The Board will have before it, for information, the following projects submitted to the Board for comments:

➢ Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases, submitted to the Board for comments
  • Colombia
  • Eswatini
EB.2/2019 (18–22 November)

Country strategic plans (A)
The Board will have before it, for approval, the following country strategic plans:
➢ Djibouti
➢ Eswatini
➢ Iraq
➢ Jordan
➢ Mali
➢ Niger
➢ Sierra Leone
➢ Togo

Interim country strategic plans (A)
The Board will have before it, for approval, the following interim country strategic plans:
➢ Angola
➢ Caribbean interim multi-country strategic plan
➢ Cuba
➢ Turkey

EB.A/2020 (15–19 June)

Country strategic plans (A)
The Board will have before it, for approval, the following country strategic plan:
➢ Ethiopia

EB.2/2020 (16–20 November)

Country strategic plans (A)
The Board will have before it, for approval, the following country strategic plans:
➢ Bangladesh
➢ Cameroon
➢ Central African Republic
➢ Cuba
➢ Democratic Republic of the Congo
➢ Indonesia
➢ Lebanon
➢ Timor-Leste

Interim country strategic plans (A)
The Board will have before it, for approval, the following interim country strategic plans:
➢ Iran (Islamic Republic of)
➢ Libya
➢ Syrian Arab Republic
➢ Turkey
➢ Yemen
ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

EB.1/2019 (25–27 February)
➢ Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2019–2020) (I)

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.

EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)
➢ Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2019–2020) (I)

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.

EB.2/2019 (18–22 November)
➢ Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) (A)

Pursuant to rule III of the rules of procedure, the Board will have before it, for approval, its biennial programme of work (2020–2021).

EB.1/2020 (24–28 February)
➢ Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) (I)

Further to a request by the Board at its third regular session in 2004, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2020–2021) is presented for information.

EB.A/2020 (15–19 June)
➢ Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) (I)

Further to a request by the Board at its 2004 third regular session, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2020–2021) is presented for information.

EB.2/2020 (16–20 November)
➢ Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2021–2022) (A)

Pursuant to rule III of the rules of procedure, the Board will have before it, for approval, its biennial programme of work (2021–2022).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

EB.1/2019 (25–27 February)
➢ Appointment of one member to the Audit Committee (A)

Following the resignation of one of the members of the Audit Committee in September 2018, the Board, will appoint a new member on the basis of the recommendations by the selection panel.

➢ Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (C)

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the document on Joint Inspection Unit reports of relevance to the work of WFP, submitted annually by the Secretariat to the Board, should comprise the following items:

i) WFP comments on the Joint Inspection Unit reports relevant to the work of WFP received between the submission of the last Board document and 1 October 2018;

ii) a list of Joint Inspection Unit reports issued since the last reporting period; and
iii) the status of WFP’s implementation of previously approved or accepted recommendations.

In accordance with the practice of the Boards of other funds and programmes, the Secretariat presents to the Board each year at the first regular session a summary report containing the items listed above for its consideration.

➢ Oral update on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (C)

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.

EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)

➢ Oral update on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (C)

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.

➢ 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.

➢ Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2018 (I)

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, for information, a report on food losses incurred 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.

➢ Update on food procurement (I)

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.

➢ Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2018 (I)

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.

➢ Security Report (I)

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.

EB.2/2019 (18–22 November)

➢ Report of the Joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (C)

As requested by the Board at its 2018 second regular session, a report of the Joint Board/Management Working Group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination will be presented to the Board for consideration.
EB.1/2020 (24–28 February)

➢ Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (C)

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the document on Joint Inspection Unit reports of relevance to the work of WFP submitted annually by the Secretariat to the Board should comprise the following items:

i) WFP comments on the Joint Inspection Unit reports relevant to the work of WFP received between the submission of the last Board document and 1 October 2019;

ii) a list of Joint Inspection Unit reports issued since the last reporting period; and

iii) the status of WFP’s implementation of previously approved or accepted recommendations.

In accordance with the practice of the Boards of other funds and programmes, the Secretariat presents to the Board each year at its first regular session a summary report containing the items listed above for its consideration.

EB.A/2020 (15–19 June)

➢ Appointment of two members to the Audit Committee (A)

The terms of two members of the Audit Committee come to an end in 2020; a panel was set up in accordance with the Audit Committee terms of reference to select new members. This document will present the recommendations to the Board for approval.

➢ Address by staff representative bodies to the Board

As per procedure established in 2012, staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

➢ Report on post-delivery losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2019 (I)

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, for information, a report on food losses incurred 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 post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2019. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

➢ Update on food procurement (I)

At the 2006 first regular session of the 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 periodic update, 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.

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OTHER BUSINESS

EB.1/2019 (25–27 February)

➢ Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board (I)

A report on the visit of the Executive Board will be presented to the Board for information.

➢ Oral update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (I)

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.

EB.A/2019 (10–14 June)

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

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EB.1/2020 (24–28 February)

➢ Appointment of five Executive Board members to the selection panel for the appointment of two Audit Committee members (A)

The Board will appoint five of its members to serve on the panel that will select two Audit Committee members to be appointed in 2021.

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- **Oral update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (I)**
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EB.2/2020 (16–20 November)

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Provisional calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP governing bodies and other main sessions 2019–2020

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APRC Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
ARC Regional Conference for Africa
C Conference
CCLM Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CCP Committee on Commodity Problems
CFS Committee on World Food Security
CGRFA Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
CL Council
COAG Committee on Agriculture
CODEX Codex Alimentarius Commission
COFI Committee on Fisheries
COFO Committee on Forestry
ERC Regional Conference for Europe
FC Finance Committee
IFAD/EB IFAD Executive Board
IFAD/GC IFAD Governing Council
LARC Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
NERC Regional Conference for the Near East
PC Programme Committee
WFD World Food Day
WFP World Food Programme Executive Board