

# WFP Governance - A brief introduction



SAVING LIVES CHANGING LIVES How governance is conducted

How the WFP Executive Board 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









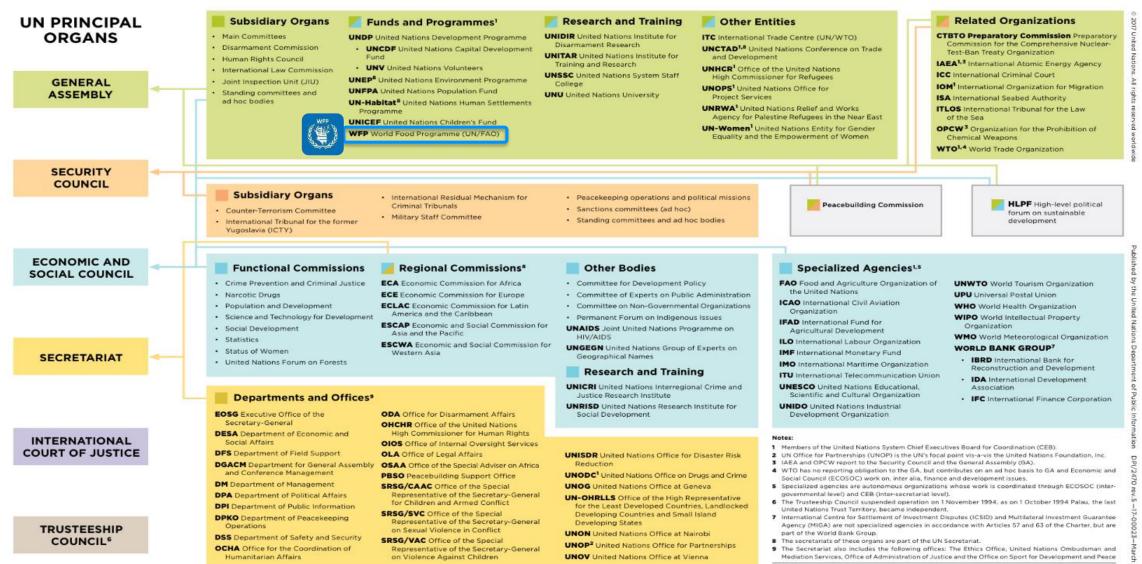




# Where WFP fits in the United Nations System



#### The United Nations System



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.

# Seven 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)
- 22-23 January 1996: the **first** First Regular Session of the Executive Board convenes
- 1999-2005: WFP Governance Project led by the Executive Board

# 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

### **Final Report**

 November 2005: <u>Final Report on the Governance Project</u> approved by Executive Board at the second regular session of the Executive Board

# **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 elected independent representative)
Conference (highest body)

#### Various committees:

(comprised of Member States)

#### 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 as Chairperson)
Governing Council (highest body)

**2 main committees:** (comprised of Member States)

AuditEvaluation

## WFP

#### *Out of* 193 UN & 197 FAO

**members**: 36 Executive Board Members + 1 Special and Permanent Observer (EU)

#### 1 vote per member

### Reports to 2 governing bodies:

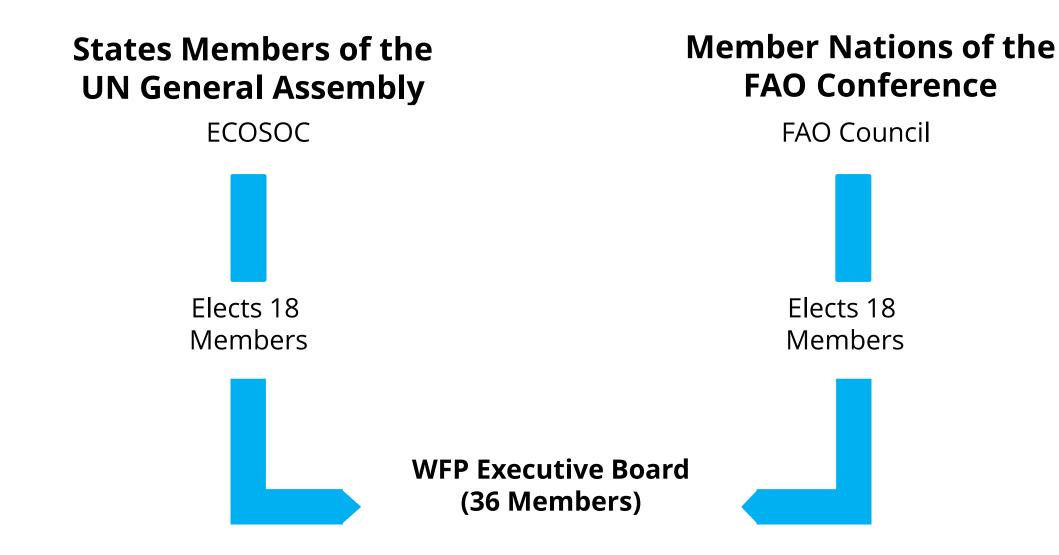
• ECOSOC • FAO Council

#### 3 advisory committees:

•Audit (external experts)

- FAO Finance Committee
- : (comprised of Member States)
- •Advisory Committee on
- Administrative and Budgetary
- Questions (ACABQ) (comprised of
- Member States)

# How the Executive Board is Constituted



# **WFP Governance**

## Executive Board (36 Members)

- 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

### **Electoral make-up of the Executive Board Membership**

List A	Africa	8 members	
List B	Asia & Middle East	7 members	+1 rotational seat from Lists A, B and C
List C	Latin America & the Caribbean	5 members	(elected via FAO Council)
List D	North America, Western Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand	12 members	<b>9</b>
List E	Central and Eastern Europe	3 members	

# **Quick facts about Executive Board sessions**

## Three **formal sessions** annually:

**First** Regular Session February

 Annual Session
 June

Second Regular Session November

### **Offical Board Languages\*:**

English | Français | Español | العربية

\*For informal sessions only.

For formal sessions, intrepretation is also in Chinese and Russian and documents going to the FAO Finance Committee are also translated into Chinese and Russian **Documents** tabled can be:

- For Approval
- For Consideration
- For Information

Decisions are made **by consensus** 

# **The Executive Board Bureau**



#### **Role of the Executive Board Bureau**

Plans the work of the Board

#### **2019 WFP Executive Board Bureau\***

**President**: H.E. Hisham Mohamed Badr *Egypt* | *List A* 

**Vice-President**: H.E. Ulrich Seidenberger *Germany* | *List D* 

**Member**: Mr. Yousef Juhail *Kuwait* | *List B* 

**Member**: Vacant from 3 September - *previously: H.E. Karla* Samayoa Recari, Ambassador and Permanent Representative Guatemala | List C

**Member**: H.E. Victor Vasiliev *Russian Federation* | *List E* 

\*Elected on ad personam basis at First Regular Session for one year, with succession planning expected for Vice-President/President.

- Shares information and promotes dialogue between List members and the Secretariat
- Facilitates consensus among and between Lists outside of formal sessions

# **The WFP Audit Committee**



*Left to Right*: Mr. R Samels (Canada), Ms. E. J. Cheung (ZHANG Qiling) (China), Mr. S. Kana (South Africa) Chairperson 2017-2019, Ms. A. Slomka-Golebiowska (Poland), Mr. O. Goswami (India)

### WFP Audit Committee

Mr. Suresh Kana (South Africa) *Chairperson* 

Ms. Elaine June Cheung (ZHANG Qiling) (China)

Mr. Omkar Goswami (India)

Ms. Agnieszka Slomka-Golebiowska (Poland)

Mr. Robert Samels (Canada)

#### **Quick Facts of the Audit Committee**

- Serves in an expert advisory capacity to assist the Executive Board and the Executive Director in exercising their governance responsibilities for financial reporting, internal control arrangements, risk management processes and other audit related matters
- Members are **selected and appointed by the Executive Board** for three-year terms, renewable once
- Wholly independent and external to the WFP Executive Board Secretariat and the Executive Board

# **Quick Facts about the External Auditor**

- Performs audits of WFP accounts and other tasks requested by the Executive Board
- Full scope of work and Terms of Reference defined by **Chapter XIV** of <u>WFP Financial Regulations</u>
- Selected and appointed by the Executive Board through a Bureau-led competitive process for a non-renewable six-year term\*; another appointment is possible after a break of one term:
  - Must be the Auditor-General (or equivalent) of a State member
  - The Cour des comptes of France was appointed in November 2015 for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2022 (Decisions and Recommendations of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2015)
  - Previous External Auditors:
    - Comptroller and Auditor General of India (1 July 2010 to 30 June 2016);
    - National Audit Office of the United Kingdom (1 July 2002 to 30 June 2006 and 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2010); and
    - Cour des comptes of France (1 July 1994 to 30 June 1998 and 1 July 1998 to 30 June 2002)

\* Before mid-2010, it was a four-year term

# **Board Activities**

### Joint United Nations Activities:

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

### **Board Field Visit**

- Annual field visit to view WFP operations (September/October/November)
  - 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 availability) 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 United Nations coherence

# **\*October 2018**: first Board visit to the **Munich Innovation Accelerator** – will become annual occurrence

# **Executive Board Secretariat**

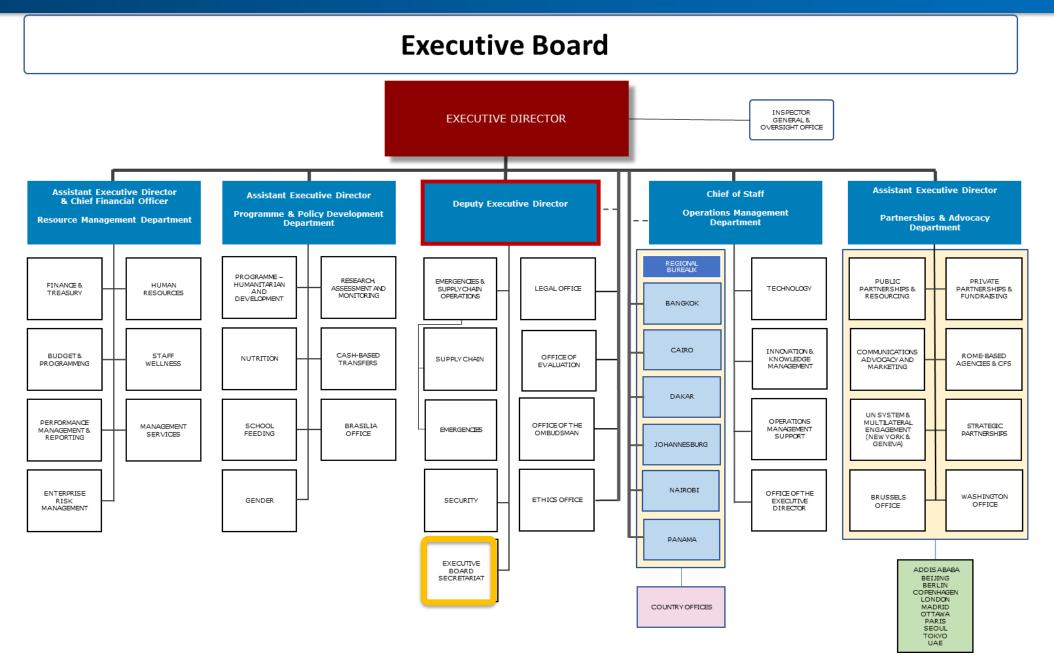




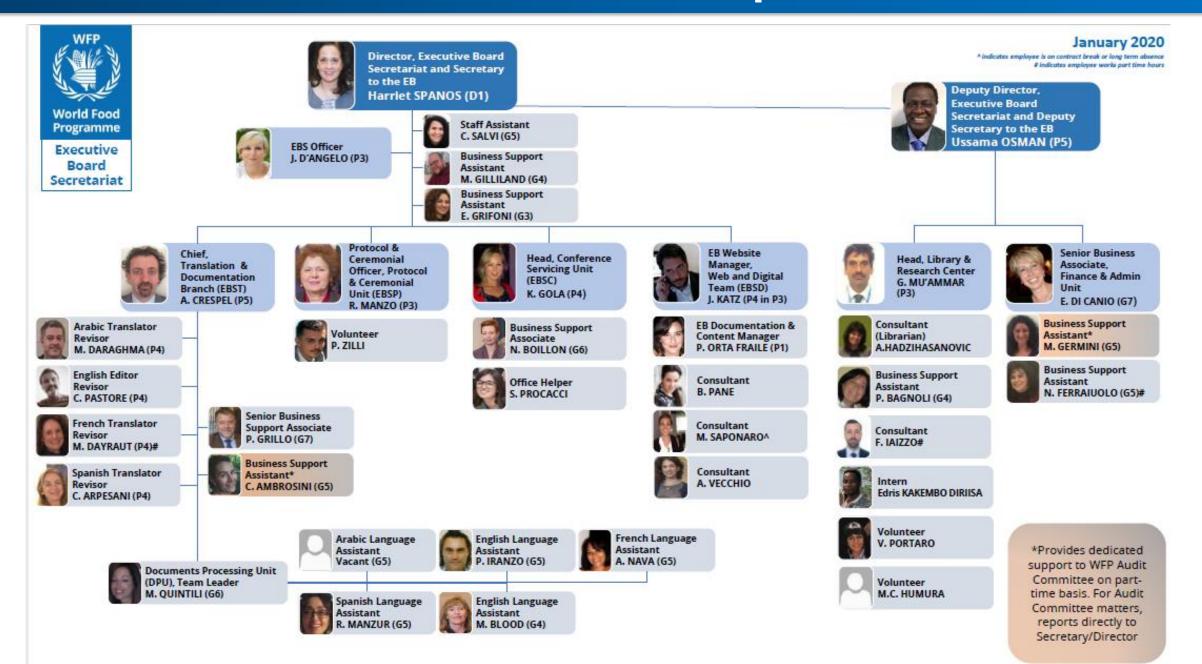
### What does the Executive Board Secretariat do?

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

# Where the Executive Board Secretariat fits in WFP



# **Executive Board Secretariat - Composition**



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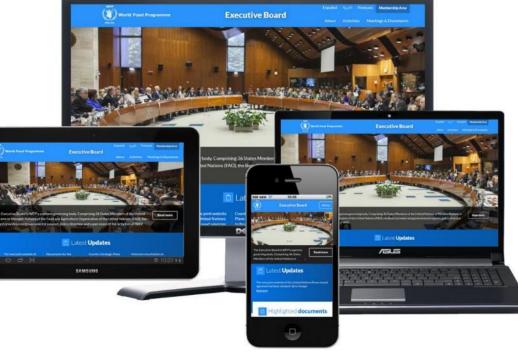
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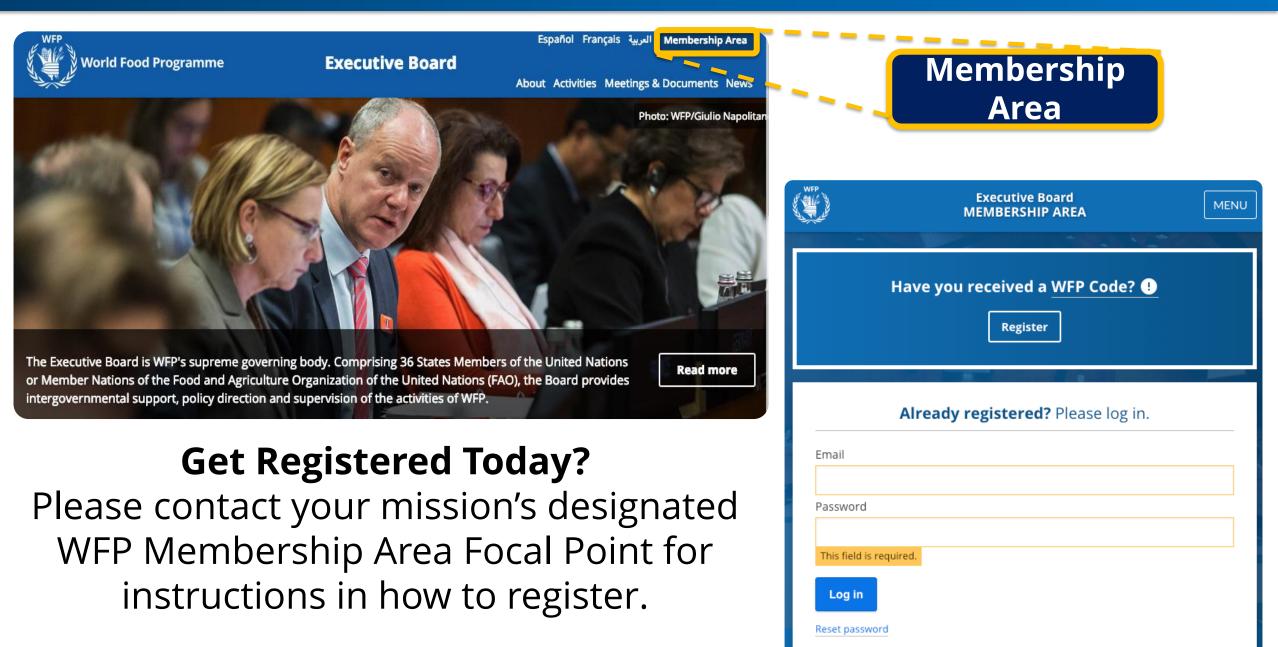
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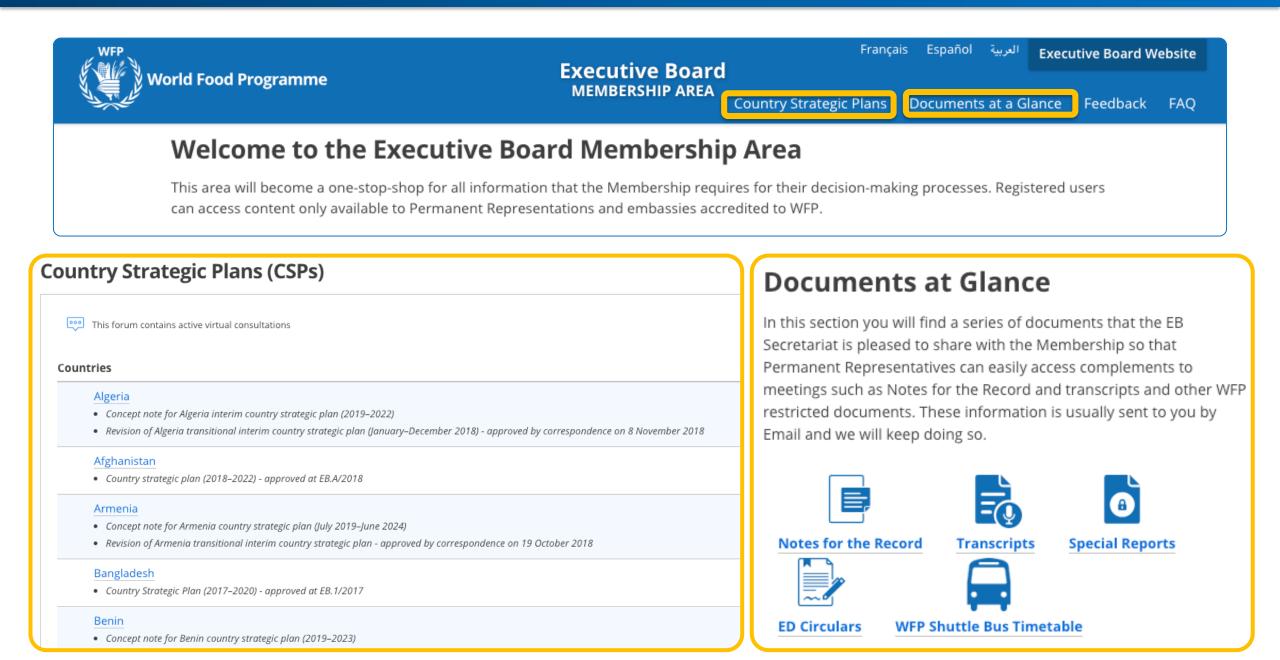
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# How to connect with us – Membership Area Key Features



# **Executive Board website**

The Executive Board multi-language website has been developed to support the work being carried out by WFP Membership.

The use of digital solutions and services facilitate access to useful data, information and digital tools to support decision-making processes.



#### Executive Board website

orld Food Programme

# Key information and main features

- Executive Board meetings and documents from 1996;
- Info on Members of the Board, Executive Board Bureau and Advisory Committees and Bodies (WFP Audit Committee, FAO Finance Committee, ACABQ, WFP External Auditor);
- Activities on United Nations collaboration (RBAs; Joint meeting of the Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP'; and field visits);
- News section (key events, field visits, HQ tours, high-level visits, etc.)



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Biennial Programme of Work (2020-2021)	Donor contributions	
CSP Data website (Beta version, restricted)	Flexible Funding	International Ard Transparent Initiative
Dates of Executive Board Sessions		Journal of the United Nations
Security Guidelines for accessing WEP HQ	Executive Director	Rome-based Agencies Celendar
WFP Rules and Regulations	Independent Evaluation	Rome-based Agencies (Zero Hunger)
	Media Centre	UN Celendier
	Orgoing Operations	UN Daily Highlights





Second Regular Session of the Executive Board 2019 18 November 2019 - 21 November 2019



Impressions from the side events, exhibitions and demos of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board 2019 18 November 2019 - 22 November 2019



What to look out for at the 2019 Second Regular Session

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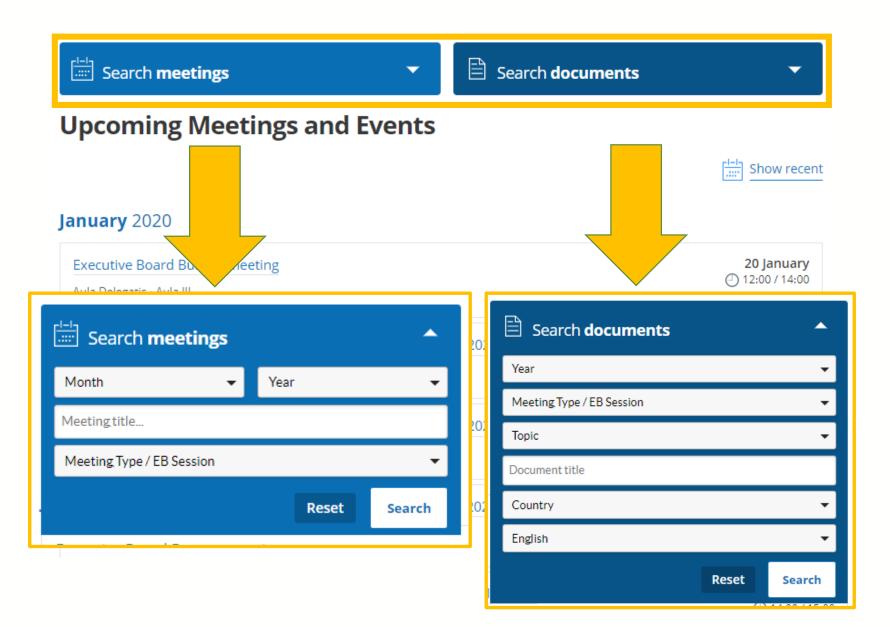
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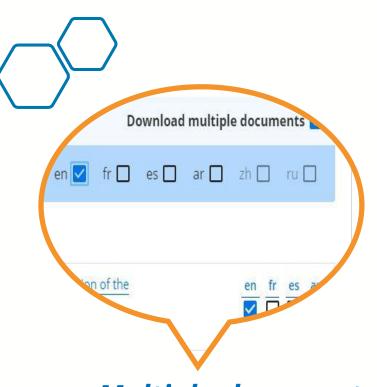




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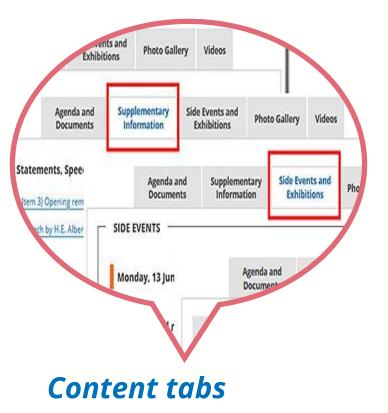
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   meetings.
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#### What is it?

One-stop-shop for all information that the Membership requires for their decision-making processes.

#### How to register?

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#### **Executive Board** MEMBERSHIP AREA

This area of the Executive Board website provides registered users with content available only to Permanent Representations or embassies accredited to WFP. For example, the Membership Area is being used during the Country Strategic Plans (CSPs) review process and gives access to the CSP data with programme, financial and performance-related information for countries under the Integrated Road Map framework.

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#### **Reviews and archive of country strategic plans (CSP)**

#### Country strategic plans

This forum contains active virtual consultations

#### Countries

#### Afghanistan

Country strategic plan (2018–2022) - approved at EB.A/2018

#### Algeria

Interim country strategic plan (2019–2022) - approved at EB.A/2019

#### Angola

Interim country strategic plan (2020–2022) - approved at EB.2/2019

#### Armenia

Country strategic plan (2019–2024) - approved at EB.A/2019

#### Bangladesh

Country Strategic Plan (2017–2020) - approved at EB.1/2017

#### Benin

Country strategic plan (2019–2023) - approved at EB.A/2019

#### Bhutan

Country strategic plan (2019–2023) - approved at EB.1/2019

### Bangladesh

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*Virtual consultations* available for online comments used during Country Strategic Plans (CSPs) review process;

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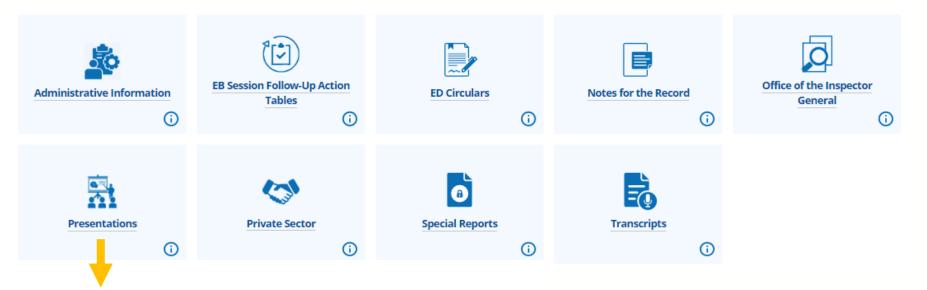


#### Executive Board MEMBERSHIP AREA

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#### **Documents at a Glance**

The Executive Board Secretariat is pleased to offer the Membership access to restricted and complementary documents to WFP meetings and other useful information. Please move the mouse over the information icon to know more about each folder content.



#### Presentations

Please find below presentations, grouped by topic, usually disseminated via the Bureau in advance as restricted background information for meetings.

#### **Documents at a Glance** is a dedicated area with restricted documents and other complementary material to WFP's work.

Each box covers a thematic information section.

# **Direct access to other resources**

Registration for the Membership Area and have granted access to:

- *CSP Data website*, with programme, financial and performance-related information for countries under the Integrated Road Map framework;
- Annual Country Reports.

Quick EB links	WFP Ongoing Operations	More from the UN	
CSP Data website	Annual Country Reports (ACRs & SPRs) –	ECOSOC	
Management Plan Operational Requirements (2018)	Country Briefs	Rome-based Agencies Calendar	
Management Plan Operational Requirements (2019)	Emergency Dashboards	Rome-based Agencies (Zero Hunger)	
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