

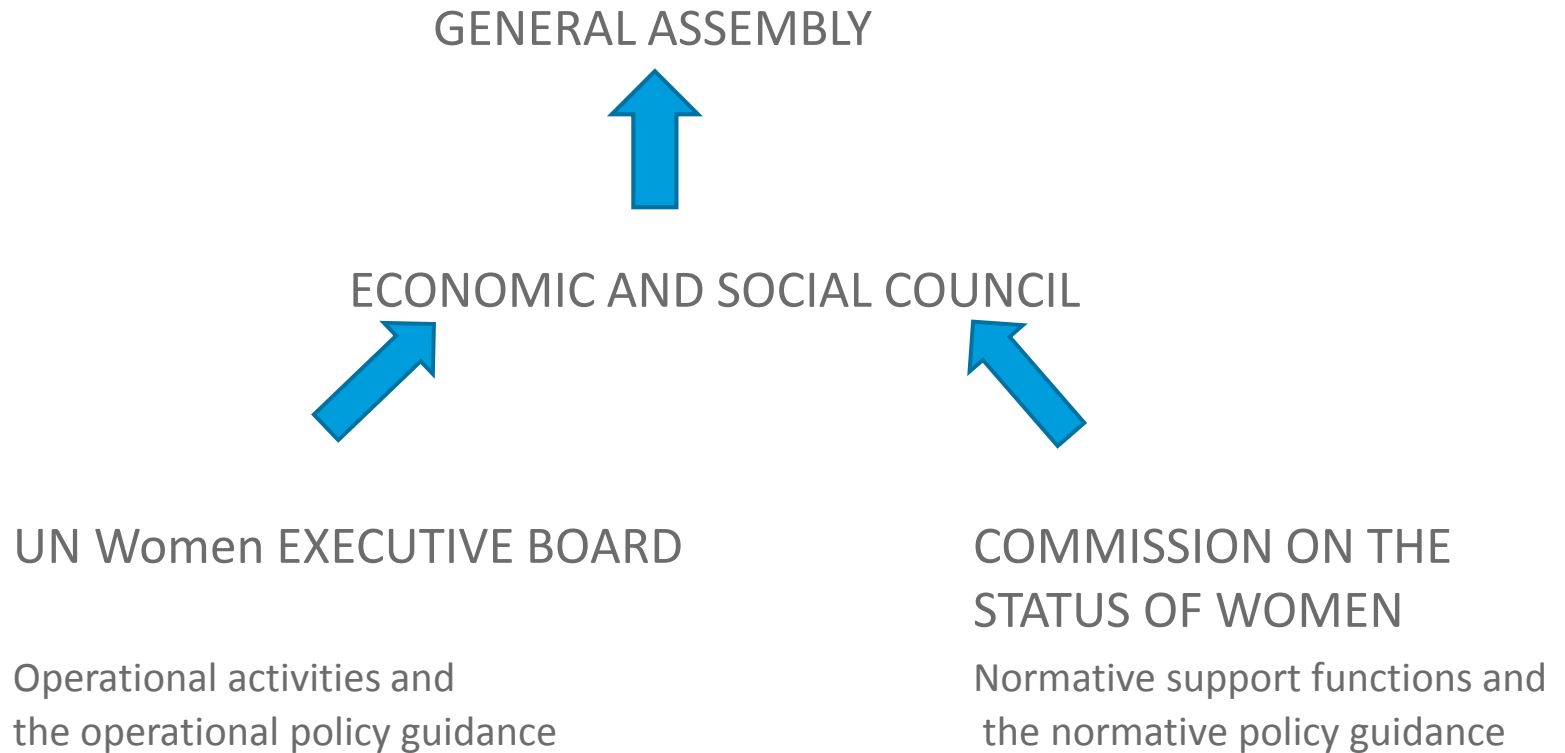


United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

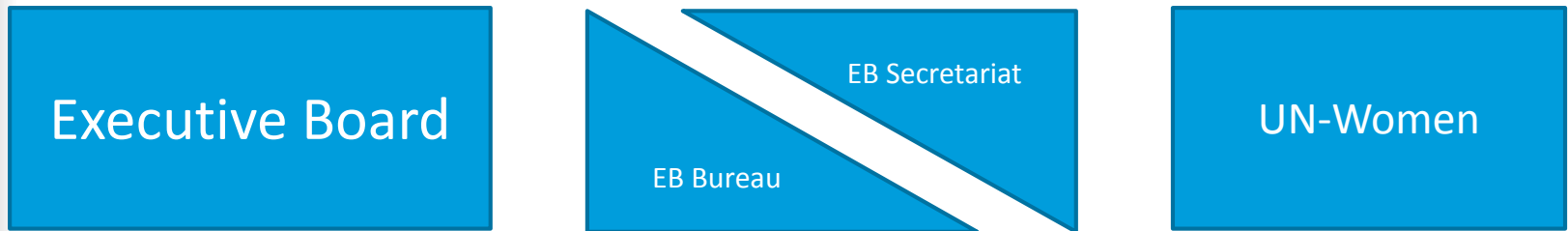
Working methods of the Executive Board



Jean-Luc Bories
Executive Board Secretary



- The EB role is set within the overall framework of policies formulated by the General Assembly, and the Economic and Social Council.
- The EB functions:
 - Receiving information from and give guidance to the Executive Director
 - Overseeing the Entity operational and coordination activities
 - Approving UN-Women overall governing documents:
Strategic Plan, Integrated Budget, audit reports, evaluation plans and policies; and other managerial and policy documents.
 - Providing inter-governmental support to UN-Women leadership



Executive Board Secretariat

- Interface between Member States and UN-Women and focal point for Executive Board matters
- Provide assistance and information to the Bureau to fulfill its mandates
- Organize official Board sessions, informal consultations, briefings, Bureau meetings and field visits
- Produce, edit and translate documentation presented to the Executive Board
- Maintain repository of decisions of the Executive Board
- Maintain and archive all documentation and website of the Executive Board
- Inter-agency coordination with other Executive Boards

Who are the Executive Board members?

41 members across regions & donors who serve on a rotating basis:

- 10 from the Group of African States
- 10 from the Group of Asia-Pacific States
- 4 from the Group of Eastern European States
- 6 from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States
- 5 from the Group of Western European and Other States (unique rotation scheme)
- 6 from contributing countries

Each member is elected by the Economic and Social Council for a term of three years.

African States

Burkina Faso (2019)
Cameroon (2019)
Comoros (2018)
Gabon (2018)
Liberia (2018)
Namibia (2018)
Nigeria (2019)
Rwanda (2019)
Tunisia (2018)
Zambia (2019)

Asia-Pacific States

Bahrain (2019)
China (2019)
Islamic Republic of Iran (2018)
Japan (2019)
Pakistan (2018)
Republic of Korea (2019)
Samoa (2018)
Turkmenistan (2018)
United Arab Emirates (2018)
Yemen (2019)

Eastern European States

Belarus (2019)

Croatia (2018)

Montenegro (2019)

Russian Federation (2018)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda (2018)

Brazil (2019)

Guyana (2018)

El Salvador (2019)

Panama (2018)

Trinidad and Tobago (2019)

Western European and other States

Belgium (2019)

Denmark (2019)

France (2019)

Germany (2018)

Luxembourg (2018)

Contributing Countries

Norway

Switzerland

United Kingdom

United States

Contributing Countries not Members of the OECD/DAC

Chile

Israel

| Position | Name |
|---|---|
| President (representing the Asia-Pacific Group) | H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh Ambassador and Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations |
| Vice President (representing the African Group) | Ms. Gail Farnhalo Counsellor Permanent Mission of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations |
| Vice President (representing the Eastern European Group) | H.E. Ms. Ivana Pajević Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations |
| Vice President (representing the Latin American and Caribbean Group) | Mr. Shiraz Arif Mohamed First Secretary Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations |
| Vice President (representing the Western European and Others Group) | Mr. Nicolas Randin Counsellor Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations |

| Date/Time | Venue | Subject |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Monday, 16 January 2017; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM; | CR 11 UN GA Bldg. | Election |
| Tuesday, 17 January 2017 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM | CR 9 UN Conference Bldg. | Orientation |
| Thursday, 26 January 2017 3:00 PM-3:30 PM | CR 2 UN Conference Bldg. | Pre-session informal |
| Thursday, 26 January 2017 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM | CR 2 UN Conference Bldg. | Informal briefing on the regional architecture evaluation |
| Tuesday, 14 February 2017 10:00 AM-6:00 PM | CR3 UN Conference Bldg. | First Regular Session |
| ... | ... | ... |
| Monday, 19 June 2017 Morning segment 10 AM-1PM Afternoon segment 3PM-6PM | CR 4 UN Conference Bldg. | Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP |
| ... | ... | ... |
| 27-28 June 2017 | CR 2 UN Conference Bldg. | Annual Session |
| ... | ... | ... |
| 30 August and 1 September 2017 | CR 2 UN Conference Bldg. | Second Regular Session |

The Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP engage in a **Joint Meeting of the Boards (JMB)** every year. The organization and coordination of the Joint Meeting of the Boards rotates each year between the 6 agencies, and this year **UNICEF is the coordinating agency**.

The **purpose** is to have a forum for the Executive Boards to discuss issues of common interest. It is a one-day meeting led by the four Presidents of the respective Executive Boards, with panel discussions devoted to one topic in the morning, and one topic in the afternoon. The discussions are chaired by the Presidents, with key roles for the principals of the six agencies.

The **outcome** of the JMB is not formalized, as the JMB is not a decision-making body.

The **report** of the JMB is a compilation of the proceedings by the Board secretariats. The report then goes to the respective Boards, who consider or take action on it as they deem appropriate.

The **purpose** of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP is to help members of the Executive Boards to understand the extent and ways in which United Nations organizations contribute to the achievement of national development plans and global United Nations programmes.

Participation should, in general, be limited to one member from each Executive Board from each regional group, plus representatives of the secretariats of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP, and UN-Women for a total of no more than 20 persons.

The team will prepare a **single joint report on the visit**, which will be presented to the three Executive Boards.

| January 2017 | | | |
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| January 23 | Strategic Plan | UNICEF | Informal consultation with Member States on the updated roadmap to and outline of the Strategic Plan |
| January 25 | Integrated Budget | UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women | Joint briefing of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women on the 2014-2015 actuals and overview of the cost recovery methodology |
| January 31 | Strategic Plan | UNDP | <u>UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board First Regular session</u> : Executive Board briefing on the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 |
| February 2017 | | | |
| February 1 | Strategic Plan | UNFPA | <u>UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board First Regular Session</u> : Briefing on UNFPA Strategic Plan |
| February 7 | Strategic Plan | UNICEF | <u>UNICEF Executive Board First Regular Session</u> : Updated road map to and outline of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 |
| February 10 | | | Informal workshop on the UNICEF Strategic Plan (in the margins of the UNICEF Executive Board First Regular Session) |
| February 13 | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UN-Women | <u>In the margins of the UN-Women Executive Board First Regular Session</u> : Informal workshop on the draft Strategic Plan and result-based management framework and the Integrated Budget |
| February 14 | Strategic Plan | UN-Women | <u>UN-Women Executive Board First Regular Session</u> : Update on the alignment of the Strategic Plan with the QCPR |
| February 2017 (tbc) | Integrated Budget | UNDP | Briefing on the Roadmap to the UNDP Integrated Budget 2018-2021 (including on Cost Recovery) |

Key dates (cont'd)

| March 2017 | | | |
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| March 2017 (tbc) | Strategic Plan | UNDP | Executive Board workshop on the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 |
| March 2017 (tbc) | Strategic Plan | UNFPA | Executive Board workshop on UNFPA Strategic Plan |
| April 2017 | | | |
| April (tbc) | Integrated Budget | UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women | Joint informal briefing on cost recovery based on 2016 actuals |
| April 24 or 25 or 26 or 27 or 28 | Strategic Plan | UN-Women | Informal consultation on the first draft of the Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget estimates |
| May 2017 | | | |
| May | Strategic Plan | UNDP | Executive Board receives first draft of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 (with IRRF) for review |
| May (early) | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UNFPA | Informal consultation with the Executive Board on the Strategic Plan and the Integrated Budget |
| May 30 - 9 June | Strategic Plan /Integrated Budget | UNDP | <u>UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board Annual Session</u> : Executive Board provides feedback on the first draft of the UNDP Strategic Plan 2018-2021 Presentation of the cumulative review of the 2014-2017 UNDP Integrated Budget, including lessons learned from this four-year Integrated Budget, and incorporation of the relevant lessons in the preparation of the Integrated Budget for 2018-2021 |
| May 30 -June 9 | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UNFPA | <u>UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board Annual Session</u> : Informal consultations with the Executive Board- including draft Strategic Plan and budget document during the Executive Board session |

Key dates (cont'd)

| June 2017 | | | |
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| June | Integrated Budget | UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women | Deadline to submit the Integrated Budget to ACABQ |
| June 2 | Strategic Plan | UNICEF | Informal consultation on UNICEF Strategic Plan – draft for review |
| Sometime between June 12 and 16 | Strategic Plan | UN-Women | Informal briefing on the final draft of the Strategic Plan |
| June 13-16 | Strategic Plan | UNICEF | <u>UNICEF Executive Board Annual Session</u> : UNICEF Strategic Plan – draft for review |
| Sometime between June 19-23 | Integrated Budget | UN-Women | Informal briefing on Integrated Budget |
| June 27-28 | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UN-Women | <u>UN-Women Executive Board Annual session</u> : Presentation on draft Strategic Plan and draft Integrated Budget |
| June (late June/Early July) | Integrated Budget | UNFPA | ACABQ session on Integrated Budget |
| July 2017 | | | |
| July/August | Strategic Plan | UNFPA | Informal consultations with the Executive Board on Strategic Plan (including ACABQ report on Integrated Budget when available). |

Key dates (cont'd)

| August 2017 | | | |
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| Choose between August (21, 23-25, or 28-29) | Integrated Budget | UN-Women | Informal briefing on Integrated Budget |
| August 22 | Strategic Plan | UNICEF | Informal briefing on the final version of the UNICEF Strategic Plan |
| August 24 | Strategic Plan | UNICEF | Informal briefing on structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan |
| August 30 | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UN-Women | <u>UN-Women Executive Board Second Regular Session</u> : Presentation of UN-Women Strategic Plan 2018-2021 and Integrated Budget for Board decision |
| September 2017 | | | |
| September 1 | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UN-Women | <u>UN-Women Executive Board Second Regular Session (cont'd)</u> : Executive Board provides decision on the draft UN-Women Strategic Plan 2018-2021 and Integrated Budget |
| Week of September 4 | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UNDP | <u>UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board Second Regular Session 2017</u> : Executive Board reviews and provides decision on the final draft of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 (with IRRF) and Integrated Budget 2018-2021 |
| September 5-11 | Strategic Plan/Integrated Budget | UNFPA | <u>UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board Second Regular Session 2017</u> : Approval of UNFPA Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget 2018-2021 |
| September 12-15 | Strategic Plan / Integrated Budget | UNICEF | <u>UNICEF Executive Board Second Regular Session 2017</u> : Executive Board reviews and provides decision on the final version of the UNICEF Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget 2018-2021 |

Annual session: 27-28 June 2017:

- Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on progress made on the Strategic Plan 2014-2017
- Report on the evaluation function of UN-Women, 2016
- Report of the internal audit and investigation activities for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2016 and its related management response

Second regular session: 30 August and 1 September 2017:

- The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women Strategic Plan 2018-2021
- Integrated budget estimate for UN-Women for the biennium 2018-2019
- Report on the structured dialogue on financing
- The Management response to the Report of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2016

First regular session: 14 February 2017

- Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's regional architecture and its related management response

Annual session: 27-28 June 2017

- Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's strategic partnerships on gender equality and the empowerment of women and its related management response
- Report of the Audit Advisory Committee for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2016 and its related Management responses
- Management response to JIU reports

Second regular session: 30 August and 1 September 2017

- Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and its related management response
- Meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2016 and its related management perspective
- Corporate Evaluation Plan 2018-2021

First regular session: 14 February 2017

- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level: Moldova
- Update on humanitarian programming
- Update on the alignment of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 with the QCPR
- Lunch-time informal briefing on UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

Annual session: 27-28 June 2017

- Draft update of the UN-Women Strategic Plan 2018-2021
- Draft integrated budget 2018-2019
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level: Somalia
- *More briefings might be added, if need be*

Second regular session: 30 August and 1 September 2017

- Report of the joint field visit
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level: Rwanda
- *More briefings might be added, if need be*

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