A brief introduction to the Executive Board

Jean-Luc Bories
Executive Board Secretary
Governance: a multi-tiered intergovernmental structure

General Assembly

- Economic and Social Council
  - UN-Women Executive Board: Operational activities and the operational policy guidance
  - Commission on the Status of Women: Normative support functions and the normative policy guidance
The Executive Board functions:

- Receiving information from and give guidance to the Executive Director on implementation of Entity’s mandate
- Overseeing the Entity operational and coordination activities;
- Oversight functions such as evaluation, financial control and audit
- Approving overall governing documents such as 4 year Strategic Plan, and integrated budget
- Be kept informed on policies and other managerial documents;
- Providing inter-governmental support to UN-Women leadership
Executive Board Secretariat and Bureau

- Interface between Member States and UN-Women and focal point for Executive Board matters;
- Organize official 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 Secretariats of other Executive Boards.
The Executive Board Membership in 2019

**African States (10)**
- Angola (2021)
- Burkina Faso (2019)
- Cameroon (2019)
- Equatorial Guinea (2021)
- Ghana (2021)
- Kenya (2021)
- Morocco (2021)
- Nigeria (2019)
- Rwanda (2019)
- Zambia (2019)

**Asia-Pacific States (10)**
- Bahrain (2019)
- Bangladesh (2021)
- China (2019)
- India (2021)
- Japan (2019)
- Mongolia (2021)
- Nepal (2021)
- Republic of Korea (2019)
- Saudi Arabia (2021)
- Yemen (2019)
The Executive Board Membership in 2019 (cont’d)

Eastern European States (4)
- Belarus (2019)
- Georgia (2021)
- Hungary (2021)
- Montenegro (2019)

Latin American and Caribbean States (6)
- Brazil (2019)
- Chile (2021)
- Colombia (2021)
- Cuba (2021)
- El Salvador (2019)
- Trinidad and Tobago (2019)
Western European and other States (5)

- Australia (2019)
- Finland (2019)
- Ireland (2021)
- Turkey (2021)
- Sweden (2019)
Contributing Countries (4)

- Norway (2019)
- Switzerland (2019)
- United Kingdom (2019)
- United States (2019)

Contributing Countries not Members of the OECD/DAC (2)

- Israel (2019)
- United Arab Emirates (2019)
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## Key dates in 2019

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The Joint Calendar of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women

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 WFP is the coordinating agency in 2019. The JMB 2019 will take place on Friday, 31 May.

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

As mandated by Decision 2017/8, UN-Women organize an annual field visit, funded by voluntary contributions, of 5 members of the Executive Board representing each regional group to a country identified in consultation with the host country and the UN-Women Bureau, and by proposing visits coordinated with a JFV in the same country or neighbouring countries.
Annual session: 18-20 June 2019

- 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 2018-2021
- Report on the evaluation function of UN-Women, 2018
- Report of the internal audit and investigation activities for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2018 and its related management response

Second regular session: 9-10 September 2019

- Report on the structured dialogue on financing
- Integrated budget of UN-Women for the biennium 2020-2021
First regular session: 12 February 2019

- Update on the Implementation of General Assembly Resolution 72/279 on Repositioning of the United Nations Development System
- Updated status of management response to 2017 Report of UN BoA
- Briefing on UN-Women’s knowledge management
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level: Iraq
- Background paper on UN-Women’s knowledge management
- Background paper on the Independent Evaluation and Audit Services
Annual session: 18-20 June 2019

- Corporate Evaluation of UN-Women’s contribution to governance and national planning
- Report of the Audit Advisory Committee for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2018 and management response
- Management response to Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports issued in 2018
- An independent victim-centred review of UN-Women's policies and processes on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment
- Advance unedited version of the draft integrated budget estimates for the biennium 2020-2021
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level: Côte d'Ivoire
- Briefing on UN-Women’s work on the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities

Background briefs and conference room papers to be presented in 2019 (cont’d)
Second regular session: 9-10 September 2019

- Corporate evaluation of UN-Women’s contribution to humanitarian response and the management response
- Meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2018 and management perspective
- Reports on the joint field visit and the UN-Women field visit
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level: Fiji
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