



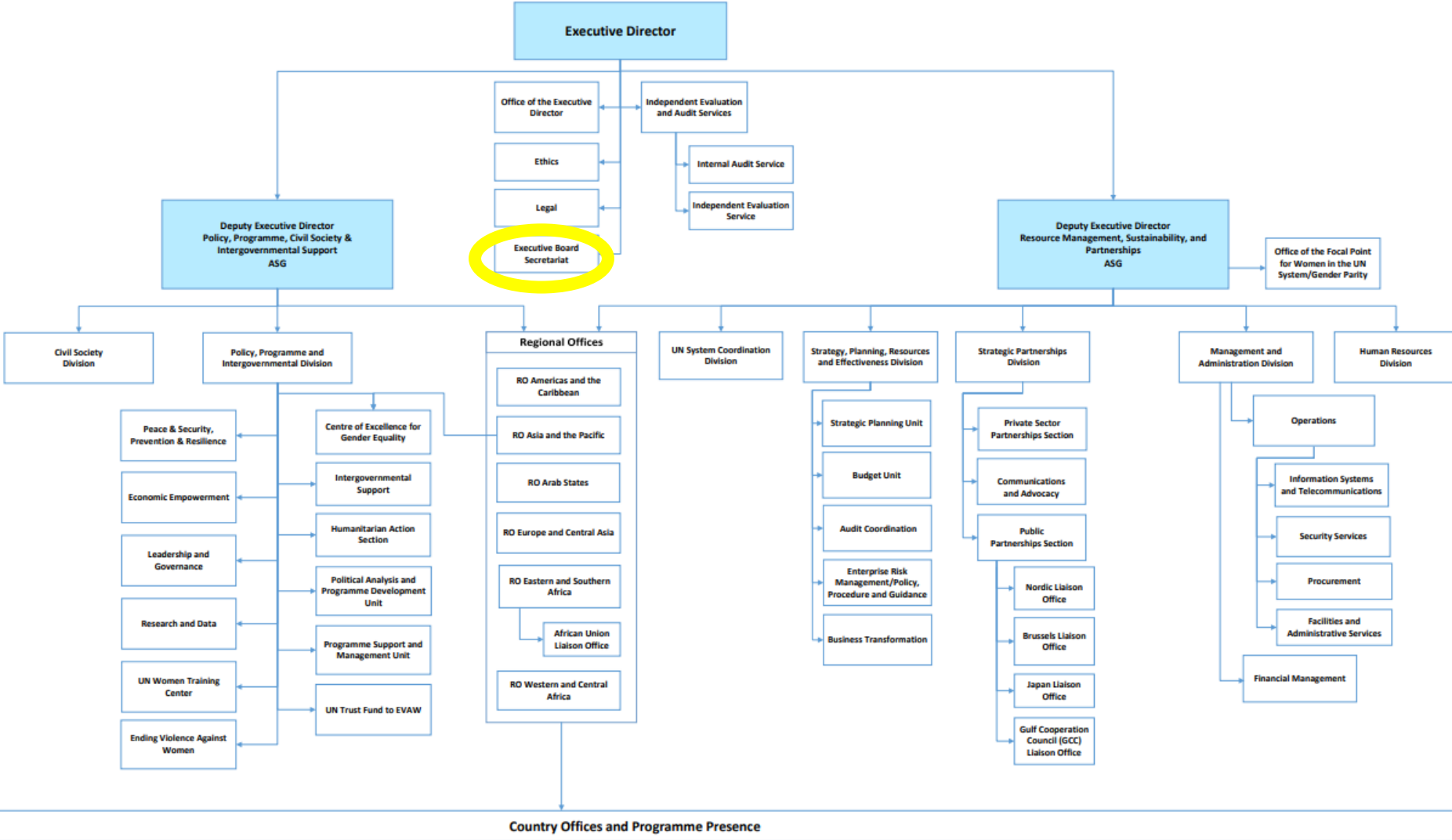
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and the Empowerment of Women

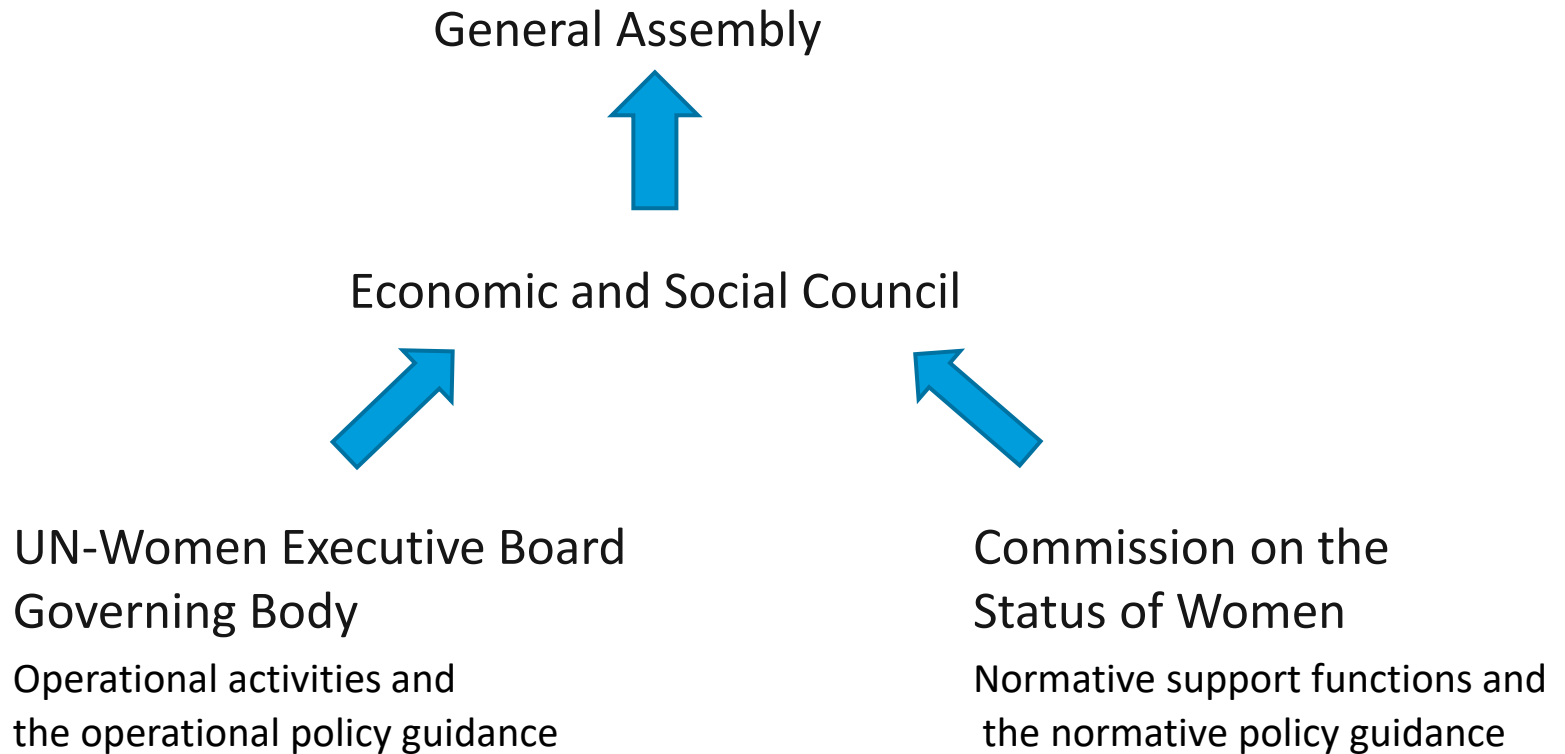
The Executive Board: UN-Women Governing Body



Jean-Luc Bories
Secretary of the Executive Board
2024

UN WOMEN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





The Executive Board functions: UN-Women Governing Body

1. Provide strategic **inter-governmental and governance guidance** to the Executive Director on UN-Women's operational mandate;
2. **Oversight of UNW operational** and coordination activities;
3. Oversight of functions such as **evaluation, financial control, ethics and audit**;
4. Informed on **policies and managerial matters**;
5. Approve strategic governing documents such as **Strategic Plan** (4 years) and **Integrated Budget** (2 years).

UN-Women Executive Board Members

The UN-Women Executive Board is made up of representatives from 41 Member States elected to three-year terms by the UN Economic and Social Council, with the following regional allocation and number of members:

- Africa (10)
- Asia and the Pacific (10)
- Eastern Europe (4)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (6)
- Western Europe and other States (5)
- Contributing Countries (6)

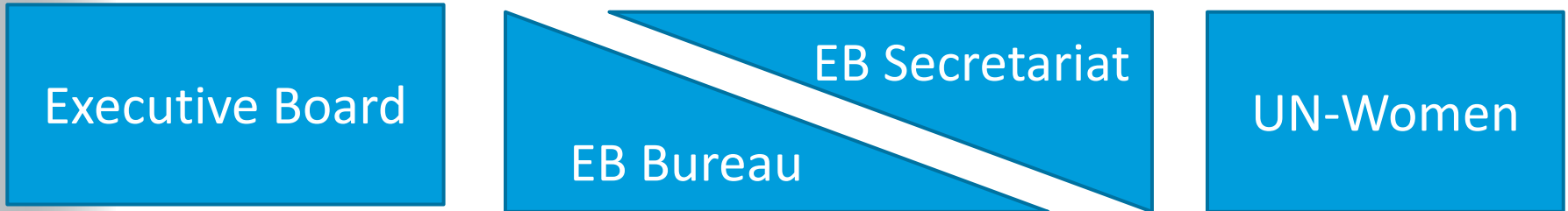
UN-Women Executive Board Bureau

The officers of the Executive Board constitute the Bureau and are elected by the Member States of the Executive Board at its first official meeting each year (held in January).

The five officers—**the President and four Vice-Presidents**—represent the five regional groups, with the presidency rotating among regional groups every year. In 2024, the election took place on 10 January.

The Bureau of the Executive Board meets at least once a month to discuss the current affairs of the Executive Board.

<p>President (representing the Latin American and Caribbean Group)</p>	<p>Panama H.E. Ms. Markova Concepción Jaramillo <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing the Asian and Pacific Group)</p>	<p>Tajikistan H.E. Mr. Jonibek Ismoil Hikmat <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing the African Group)</p>	<p>Côte d'Ivoire H.E. Ms. Halley Christine Yapi Bah <i>Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing the Western European and Others Group)</p>	<p>Sweden H.E. Mr. Andreas Von Uexküll <i>Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing the Eastern European Group)</p>	<p>Poland Ms. Joanna Sylwia Skoczek <i>Minister Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations</i></p>



The Executive Board Secretariat and Bureau are:

1. **Interface** between Member States and UN-Women Secretariat for Executive Board matters;
2. Coordinate **official sessions, informal consultations, briefings, Bureau meetings and field visits**;
3. Produce, edit and translate Executive Board **documentation**
4. **Maintain repository** of Executive Board documentation through its website and archives;
5. Support **negotiations** for Executive Board decisions;
6. Ensure **Inter-agency coordination** with other Executive Boards Secretariats.

26 January 10.00 – 1:00 p.m.	Pre-Session in advance of the First Regular Session	Remote
12 – 13 February 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	First Regular Session	In-person – CR-1
18 – 20 June 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Annual Session	In person – CR-2
10 – 11 September 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Second Regular Session	In person – CR-1

UN-Women Executive Board Calendar in the case of January 2024

<p>10 January 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Election of the President and four Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board Bureau 2024</p>	<p>CR-1</p>
<p>18 January 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Informal briefing on evaluation and audit matters</p>	<p>Remote access</p>
<p>19 January 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Measures taken to improve forward looking and efficient budget management</p>	<p>Remote access</p>
<p>22 January 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Orientation on the oversight mechanism and the ethics function of UN-Women</p>	<p>Remote access</p>
<p>26 January 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pre-session in advance of the First Regular Session & orientation on the annual update of UN-Women activities with the Executive Board</p>	<p>Remote access</p>
	<p>Post-Orientation question and answer for new delegates on role and responsibilities of the Executive Board</p>	<p>Remote access</p>

12-13 February
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

First Regular Session:

- Briefing on the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022
- Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2022
- Updated status of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) management actions to address outstanding audit recommendations
- Management response
- A meta-synthesis on UN-Women's advocacy and communication and its Management perspective
- Briefing on the operational response at the regional level Africa
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting
- Report of the joint field visit to Senegal in 2023 by members of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, WFP and UN-Women
- Address by the Chair of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services and UN-Women Staff Council and management action

18-20 June
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Annual Session:

- Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, including the midterm review of the Strategic Plan
- Third-party Joint Assessment on Governance and Oversight Functions of the Executive Boards
- Report on the evaluation function of UN-Women in 2023
- Corporate evaluation of UN-Women’s work on governance and participation in public life and its Management perspective and response
- Report of the internal audit and investigation activities for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2023 (MR)
- Report of the Advisory Committee on Oversight for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2023 (MR)
- Annual report on ethics function (MR)
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the regional level
- Update on the implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system
- Update on UN-Women policies and procedures to tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment
- Report on the UN-Women Executive Board field visit in 2023

10-11 September
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Second Regular Session:

- Report on the structured dialogue on financing
- Joint comprehensive review of the cost recovery policy and its implementation
- Joint Inspection Unit management and administration review
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the regional level

The Executive Board takes action on the following **parliamentarian documentation** each year:

1. Annual report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women
2. Annual report on the evaluation function of UN-Women
3. Annual report on internal audit and investigation activities
4. Report on the Structured Dialogue on Financing the Results of the UN-Women Strategic Plan
5. Report on the UN-Women Ethics Function

Member States may also request decisions on other mandated reports or on the agenda items for discussion during each official session.

All decisions are taken by **consensus**.

The Executive Board President usually nominates one of the Vice Presidents to facilitate the negotiation of a draft decision.

Once agreed upon, final drafts are referred to the formal plenary session for action.

Joint 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 among the 6 agencies, and **UNFPA is the coordinating agency for joint Board activities in 2024. The JMB is usually held in late May/Early June.**

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 organizes 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.

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