





United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women



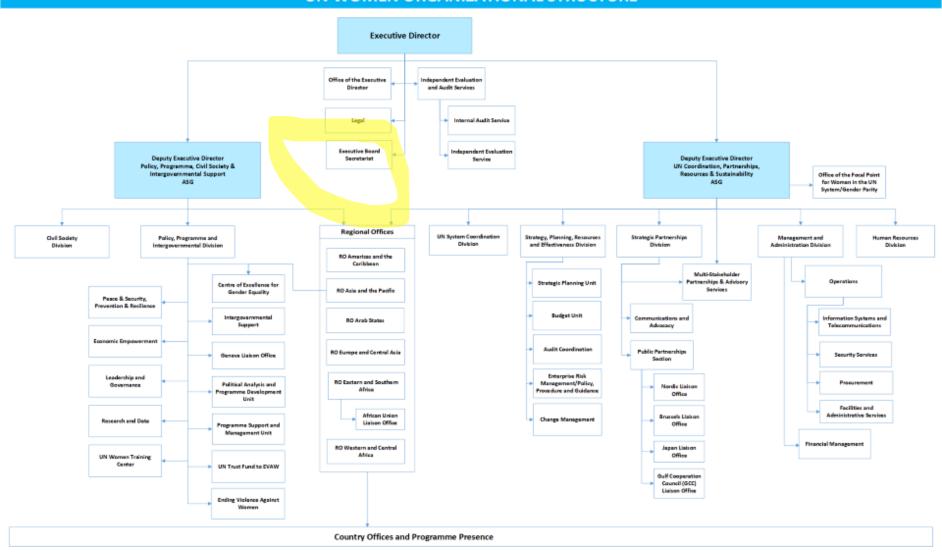




# The Executive Board: The Governing Body of UN-Women

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### **UN WOMEN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**





# Governance: a multi-tiered intergovernmental structure

### **General Assembly**



### **Economic and Social Council**



UN-Women Executive Board Governing Body
Operational activities and the operational policy guidance



Commission on the Status of Women Normative support functions and the normative policy guidance



# The Executive Board roles and responsibilities

### The Executive Board functions: Governing Body

- Provide strategic guidance to Executive Director and Direct implementation of Entity's mandate;
- Overseeing the Entity's operational and coordination activities;
- Oversight functions such as evaluation, financial control and audit;
- Informed and consulted on policies and managerial matters;
- Approving overall governing documents such as 4-year Strategic
   Plan, and integrated budget;
- Providing inter-governmental support to UN-Women leadership.



## **The Executive Board Membership in 2023**

### **African States (10)**

Burkina Faso (2025)

Cameroon (2024) VP

Côte d'Ivoire (2025)

Egypt (2024)

Eritrea (2025)

Gabon (2025)

Kenya (2024)

Zimbabwe (2025)

Gambia (2024)

South Africa (2024)

## **Asia-Pacific States (10)**

Afghanistan (2024)

Bangladesh (2024)

China (2025)

India (2024)

Japan (2025)

Qatar (2025)

Republic of Korea (2025)

Tajikistan (2025)

Thailand (2024) VP

Turkmenistan (2024)



# **The Executive Board Membership in 2023**

# **Eastern European States (4)**

Bulgaria (2025)
Poland (2024)
Latvia (2025)
Ukraine (2024) President

# Latin American and Caribbean States (6)

Colombia (2024) VP
Dominican Republic (2024)
Guyana (2024)
Panama (2025)
Paraguay (2025)
Trinidad and Tobago (2025)



# Western European and other States (5)

Ireland (2024)

France (2025)

Italy (2024) VP

New Zealand (2025)

Switzerland (2025)



# The Executive Board Membership in 2023

# **Contributing Countries (4)**

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

Finland (2025) Germany (2025) Norway (2025) United States (2025) UAE

Senegal



# **Composition of the Bureau 2023**

President (representing the Eastern European Group)	Ukraine <b>H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya (TBC)</b> Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations
Vice President (representing the Latin American and Caribbean Group)	Colombia <b>H.E. Mrs. Leonor Zalabata Torres</b> Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations
Vice President (representing the Western European and Others Group)	Italy <b>H.E. Mr. Maurizio Massari</b> Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations
Vice President (representing the African Group)	Cameroon Ms. Nelly Banaken Elel First Councellor, Mission of Cameroon to the United Nations
Vice President (representing the Asian and Pacific Group)	Thailand <b>H.E. Mr. Suriya Chindawongse</b> Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations

**Executive Board** 

EB Secretariat
EB Bureau

**UN-Women** 

### **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;
- Support negotiations of Executive Board decisions
- Inter-agency coordination with Secretariats of other Executive Boards.



# Executive Board Sessions 2023

23 January 10.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Pre-Session in advance of the First Regular Session	Today
13-14 February 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	First regular session	In-person – ECOSOC Chamber
19 – 21 June 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Annual session	In person – CR-3
12 – 13 September 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Second Regular Session	In person – CR-3



10 January 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Election of the President and four Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board Bureau 2023	CR-1
17 January 3.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Joint update on UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF and UN Women engagement with the International Financial Institutions	Remote access
23 January 10.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Pre-Session in advance of the First Regular Session	Remote access
25 Jan	Informal briefing on audit matters	Remote access
26 Jan	Informal briefing on femicide	Remote access
26 Jan	Informal briefing on SEA/SH	Remote access
TBD	Informal briefing on DCO/UN Women partnership	Remote access



### 13-14 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 2021 and Report of the Board of Auditors (A/76/5/Add.12)
- •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 2021 (A/77/322/Add.12)
- •Updated status of UN-Women management actions to address outstanding audit recommendations
- •Briefing on the operational response at the regional level
- •Update on UN-Women's partnerships with international financial institutions
- •Update on metrics used to measure progress on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment
- •Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting
- •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



19-21 June 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Annual Session:**

- •Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2022–2025
- •Joint assessment on governance and oversight functions of the Executive Boards
- •Draft integrated budget estimates of UN-Women for the biennium 2024–2025
- •Report on the evaluation function of UN-Women in 2022
- •Corporate evaluation of UN-Women's work on economic empowerment
- Management perspective and response
- •Report of the internal audit and investigation activities for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2022
- •Report of the Advisory Committee on Oversight for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2022
- Management responses
- Annual official report on ethics services
- •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
- •Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment Update on the implementation of recommendations in the independent victim-centred review of UN-Women policies and processes on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment



12-13 September 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Second Regular Session:**

- Integrated budget estimates of UN-Women for the biennium 2024–2025
- Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)
- Management response to the ACABQ Report
- Report on the structured dialogue on financing
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the regional level



### **Joint Boards activities**

### 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 UNICEF is the coordinating agency for joint Board activities in 2023. 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



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