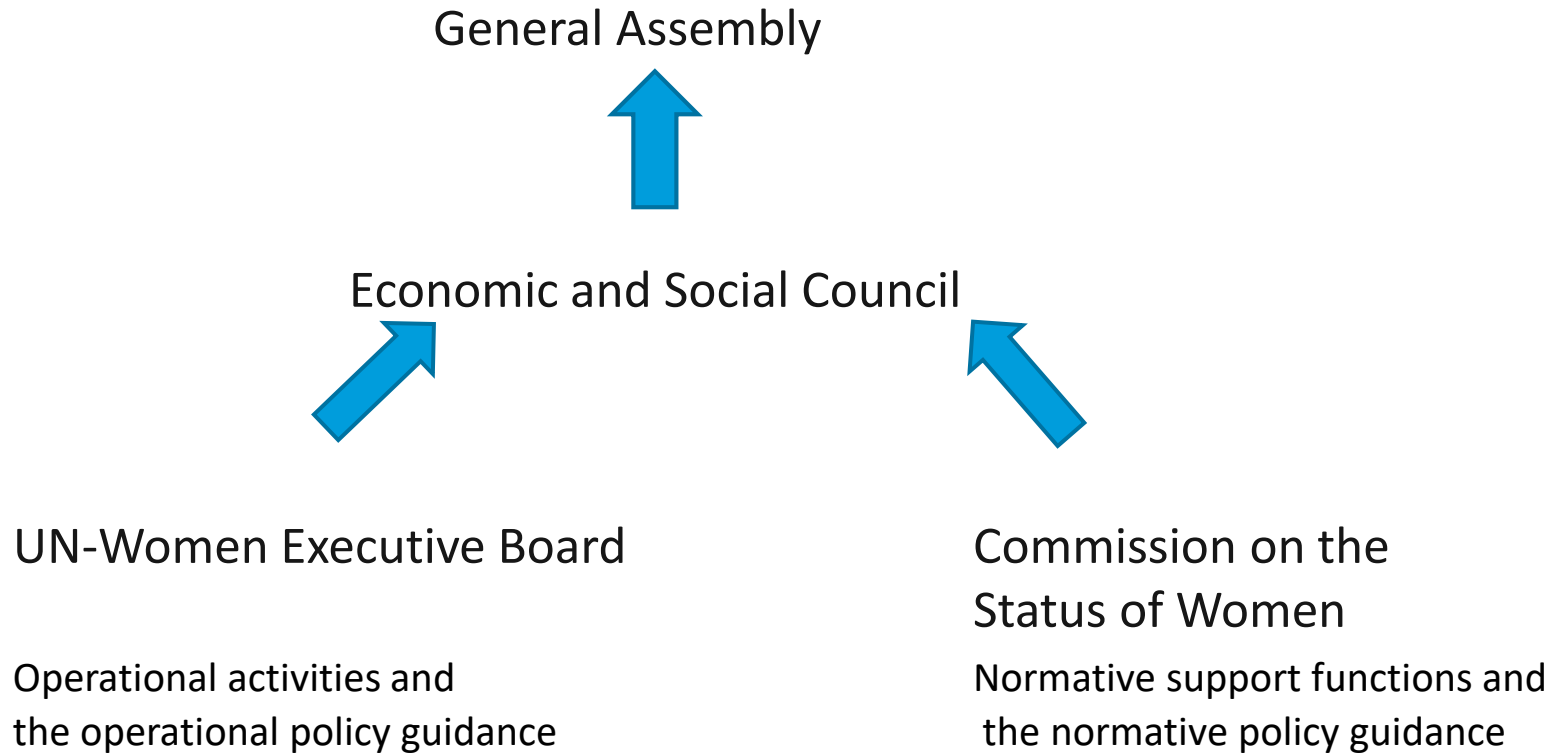




United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women

# Working methods of the Executive Board

Jean-Luc Bories  
Executive Board Secretary



## **The Executive Board 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 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.

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 (10)**

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

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

- 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 (4)**

- Belarus (2019)
- Croatia (2018)
- Montenegro (2019)
- Russian Federation (2018)

## **Latin American and Caribbean States (6)**

- Antigua and Barbuda (2018)
- Brazil (2019)
- El Salvador (2019)
- Guyana (2018)
- Panama (2018)
- Trinidad and Tobago (2019)

## Western European and other States (5)

- Canada (2019)
- Finland (2019)
- Portugal (2018)
- Netherlands (2019)
- New Zealand (2018)



## Contributing Countries (4)

- Norway
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States

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

- Chile
- Turkey

<p><b>President</b> (representing the Eastern European States)</p>	<p>H.E. Ms. Ivana Pajević Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations</p>
<p><b>Vice President</b> (representing the African States)</p>	<p>Ms. Christine Kalamwina Minister Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations</p>
<p><b>Vice President</b> (representing the Asia-Pacific States)</p>	<p>Mr. KANG Sangwook Counsellor Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations</p>
<p><b>Vice President</b> (representing the Latin American and Caribbean States)</p>	<p>Ms. Desirée del Carmen Cedeño Rengifo Attaché Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations</p>
<p><b>Vice President</b> (representing the Western European and Others States)</p>	<p>TBC</p>

Date	Time	Conference Room	Subject
Tue, 30 Jan	10:00-13:00	CR 11	Pre-session and Orientation
Thu, 1 Feb	10:00-13:00	CR 5	Informal briefing on the establishment of the in-house internal audit function and consolidation of evaluation and internal audit
Tue, 13 Feb	10:00-13:00 15:00-18:00	CR 3	First Regular Session
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19-20 Jun	10:00-13:00 15:00-18:00	CR 3	Annual Session
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10-11 Sep	10:00-13:00 15:00-18:00	CR 2	Second Regular Session
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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 **UNFPA is the coordinating agency.**

The **QCPR 2016 ([A/RES/71/243](#))** has mandated the discussion on improving the working methods of the joint meetings of the Executive Boards so that they offer a platform for exchange on issues with cross-cutting impact. **(See 46. (a) )**

In his report (**[A/72/684–E/2018/7](#)**), the Secretary-General suggests membership consider granting legislative authority to the existing joint meeting of the Executive Boards until a joint board is established. The joint meeting has suffered from a lack of decision-making power that has limited its impact. Member States may wish to formalize its rules of procedure and include a provision allowing for the joint meeting to become a decision-making platform. **(See Para 120)**

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.

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

As per 2017/8, UN-Women is encouraged to “**organize an annual field visit**, funded by voluntary contributions, of **5 members of the Executive Board representing each regional group**, with priority given to the members of the Bureau and taking into account a rotational principle within each regional group, **to a country identified in consultation with the host country and the UN-Women Bureau**”, and “to find the best arrangements to keep the costs of such field visits as low as possible, covering the cost of four regions, except for the Western European and Others Group, by encouraging participating Member States, in a position to do so, to cover all or part of their costs, and **by proposing visits coordinated with a joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP in the same country or neighbouring countries and by keeping the length of the visits reasonable.**”

## **First regular session: 13 February 2018**

- Briefing on UN-Women's follow-up to recommendations of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board
- Briefing on innovation strategy for accelerating efforts towards gender equality and the empowerment of women
- Briefing on the operational response of UN-Women at the country level: Haiti

## **Annual session: 19-20 June 2018**

- 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 cost recovery
- Report on the evaluation function of UN-Women, 2017
- Report of the internal audit and investigation activities for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2017 and its related management response

## **Second regular session: 10-11 September 2018**

- Report on the structured dialogue on financing



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- Email us at: **[unwsecretaryoftheeb@unwomen.org](mailto:unwsecretaryoftheeb@unwomen.org)**