



# Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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## Second regular session 2020

15–16 September 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>

### Organizational matters

## Annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the second regular session, 15–16 September 2020

### Note by the Executive Board secretariat

#### Provisional agenda

1. Organizational matters
2. Structured dialogue on financing
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4. Strategic Plan
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6. Evaluation
7. Address by the Chair of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UN-Women Staff Council and management action
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#### Annotations

##### Item 1

##### Organizational matters

The Executive Board will adopt the agenda and workplan for the second regular session 2020, agree on the agenda and workplan for the first regular session 2021 and discuss the draft annual workplan for 2021. The Executive Board may also adopt the report on its annual session 2020, held from 22 to 23 June 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> UNW/2020/L.4.

*Note:* the present document was processed in its entirety by UN-Women.



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Annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the second regular session 2020 ([UNW/2020/L.4](#))

Proposed provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session 2021 ([UNW/2020/CRP.3](#))

Draft annual workplan for 2021 ([UNW/2020/CRP.4](#))

Report on the annual session 2020 ([UNW/2020/6](#))

**Item 2****Structured dialogue on financing**

Pursuant to decisions 2019/11, 2019/4, 2018/5, 2017/7, 2016/4, 2015/5, 2014/6 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), this report contributes to an ongoing structured dialogue on the financing of the development and organizational effectiveness and efficiency results of the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2018–2021. The overarching objective of the structured dialogue is for the UN-Women integrated budget to be fully financed to support the comprehensive implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021. The dialogue is held in the context of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for the United Nations system, and General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) on repositioning of the United Nations development system.

The format and content of the report has been prepared in view of Executive Board decision 2019/11 and aims to better demonstrate alignment of resources with the expected results in the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, taking into account recent discussions and recommendations to improve the quality of structured dialogues on financing and steps taken to harmonize approaches to structured dialogues on financing and Funding Compact reporting by UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women.

*Documentation*

Structured Dialogue on Financing the Results of the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 ([UNW/2020/7](#))

**Item 3****Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

In decision 2018/21 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, decision 2018/21 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund and decision 2018/6 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Executive Boards directed the agencies to: (a) present a preliminary comprehensive proposal on the cost recovery policy for consideration by the Executive Boards at their first regular sessions in 2020, with a view to presenting a final comprehensive proposal for decision by the Executive Boards at their second regular sessions in 2020; (b) conduct a comprehensive review of cost recovery rates, as part of the comprehensive proposal; and (c) present an assessment of the reasons why full cost recovery is not currently being achieved, as part of the comprehensive proposal. The present joint comprehensive policy on cost recovery addresses these requests with the aim of presenting the policy so it can be used as a reference by other agencies in the United Nations system.

The present joint policy is based on a harmonized cost classification framework adopted by the agencies and a harmonized cost recovery framework.

*Documentation*

Joint comprehensive proposal on the cost recovery policy ([DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1](#))

**Item 4**  
**Strategic plan**

According to decision 2020/3, the Executive Board will be presented with a road map at the second regular session 2020 for consultations planned in the preparation of the next Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, as well as a joint update, prepared together with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children’s Fund, on the implementation of the Common Chapter of their strategic plans, including by developing the necessary tracking framework within the respective integrated results and resources frameworks of their current strategic plans, following the recommendations of the joint report on the evaluability assessment of the Common Chapter dated 30 March 2020 and in the context of the repositioning of the United Nations development system, as laid out in General Assembly resolution [72/279](#).

*Documentation*

Road map for consultations planned in the preparation of the next Strategic Plan, 2022–2025

Joint update on progress of the implementation of the Common Chapter of the strategic plans of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women

**Item 5**  
**Update on the working methods of the Executive Boards**

As requested in its decision 2020/1, the Executive Board will be presented with a joint response of the Executive Board secretariats of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women on the working methods of the Executive Boards.

*Documentation*

Joint response of the Executive Board secretariats of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women

**Item 6**  
**Evaluation**

The Executive Board will be presented with the findings of a meta-synthesis of evaluations conducted in 2019 and its management perspective.

In its decision 2020/4, the Executive Board requests UN-Women to bring the language of the revised Evaluation Policy in line with that of the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, and submit it for endorsement by the Executive Board at the second regular session 2020.

*Documentation*

Meta-synthesis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2019 ([UNW/2020/CRP.5](#))

Management perspective to the meta-synthesis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2019

Revised evaluation policy of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women ([UNW/2020/5/Rev.1](#))

**Item 7**

**Address by the Chair of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UN-Women Staff Council and management action**

Following the practice of the previous year, the Chair of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UN-Women Staff Council will address the Executive Board, accompanied by a response on the related management action.

*Documentation*

No advance documentation is expected.

**Item 8**

**Other matters**

The Executive Board will discuss and take action on any other issue that may arise.

*Documentation*

No advance documentation is expected.

## Workplan

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>	
<b>Tuesday, 15 September</b>	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1	<p><b>Organizational matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the second regular session 2020</li> <li>• Adoption of the report of the annual session 2020</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening of the session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women, including an update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and the COVID-19 response</li> </ul> <p><i>Opening the floor for statements</i></p>	
		2	<p><b>Structured dialogue on financing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the structured dialogue on financing</li> </ul>	
	3	<p><b>Financial, budgetary and administrative matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint comprehensive proposal on the cost recovery policy</li> </ul> <p><i>Opening the floor for interventions on Item 2 and Item 3</i></p>		
	1:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.			<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
	3 p.m.–6 p.m.			<p><b>Item 2 Structured dialogue on financing and Item 3 Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (cont'd)</b></p>
	<i>Post-meeting</i>			<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
<b>Wednesday, 16 September</b>	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4	<p><b>Strategic Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the road map for the preparation of Strategic Plan, 2022–2025, including a briefing on progress of the implementation of the Common Chapter of the strategic plans of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women</li> </ul>	
		5	<p><b>Update on the working methods of the Executive Boards (remaining agenda item from the annual session)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint response of the Executive Board secretariats of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women</li> </ul>	

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		6	<b>Evaluation</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meta-synthesis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2019</li> <li>• Related management perspective</li> <li>• Revised evaluation policy of UN-Women</li> </ul>
	1:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
	3 p.m.–6 p.m.	7	<b>Address by the Chair of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UN-Women Staff Council and management action</b>
		8	<b>Other matters</b>
			<i>Adoption of draft decisions</i>
		1	<b>Organizational matters</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session 2021</li> <li>• Discussion of the draft annual workplan for 2021</li> </ul>
			<b>Closing of the session</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women</li> </ul>