

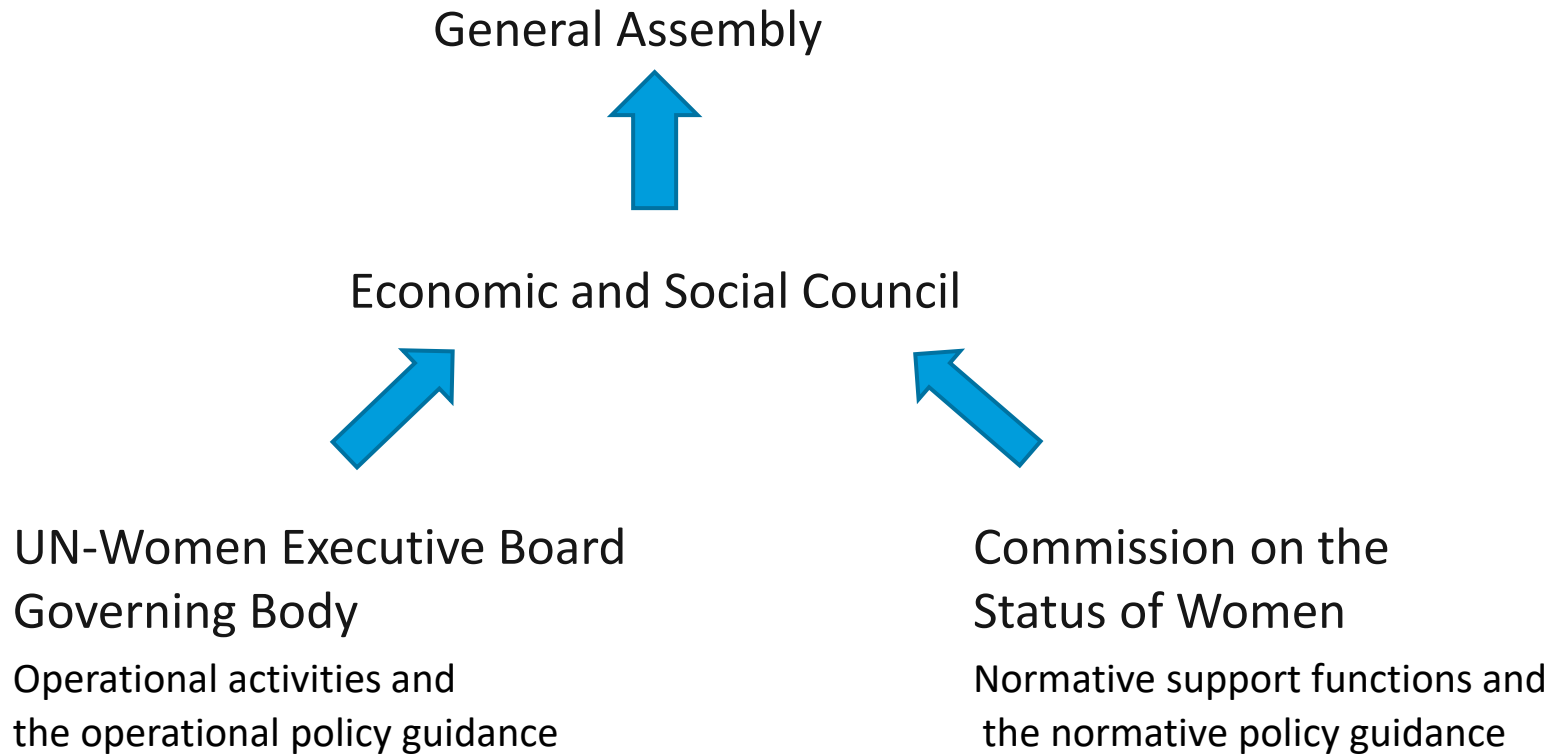


United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women

# The Executive Board: UN-Women Governing Body



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Secretary of the Executive Board  
2026



## The Executive Board functions: UN-Women Governing Body Based on GA Res 48/162 of 1994

1. Provide strategic **inter-governmental and governance guidance** to 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. Appraised on **policies and managerial matters**;
5. Approve strategic governing documents such as **Strategic Plan** (4 years) and **Integrated Budget** (2 years);

## African States (10)

Burkina Faso (2028)  
Cabo Verde (2027)  
Democratic Republic of the Congo (2028)  
Equatorial Guinea (2027)  
Mauritania (2027)  
Rwanda (2028)  
Senegal (2028)  
South Africa (2027)  
Uganda (2027) President  
Lesotho (2028)

## Asia-Pacific States (10)

Bahrain (2028)  
China (2028)  
India (2027)  
Japan (2028)  
Republic of Korea (2028)  
Kyrgyzstan (2027) VP  
Nepal (2027)  
Philippines (2028)  
Saudi Arabia (2027)  
Vietnam (2027)

## Eastern European States (4)

Albania (2027) VP

Russia Federation (2028)

Ukraine (2027)

Croatia (2028)

## Latin American and Caribbean States (6)

Antigua and Barbuda (2027)

Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2027)

Colombia (2028)

Peru (2027)

Dominican Republic (2027)

Mexico (2028)

## Western European and other States (5)

Belgium (2028) VP

Canada (2028)

Spain (2028)

United States (2027)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2027)

## Contributing Countries (4)

Finland (2028)

Germany (2028)

Norway (2028)

Switzerland (2028)

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

(To be elected)

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<p>President (representing the African Group)</p>	<p>Uganda <b>H.E. Dr. Adonia Ayebare</b> <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing Western European and Other Group)</p>	<p>Belgium <b>H.E. Ms. Sophie De Smedt</b> <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing the Eastern European Group)</p>	<p>Albania <b>H.E. Ms. Suela Janina</b> <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing the Asian and Pacific Group)</p>	<p>Kyrgyzstan <b>H.E. Ms. Aida Kasymalieva</b> <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations</i></p>
<p>Vice President (representing the Latin American and Caribbean Group)</p>	<p><b>TBC</b></p>

Executive Board

EB Bureau

EB Secretariat

UN-Women

## 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.

<b>28 January</b> <b>10.00 – 1:00 p.m.</b>	Pre-Session in advance of the First Regular Session	Remote
<b>18-19 February</b> <b>10 a.m. – 6 p.m.</b>	First Regular Session	In-person
<b>23 – 25 June</b> <b>10 a.m. – 6 p.m.</b>	Annual Session	In person
<b>9 – 10 September</b> <b>10 a.m. – 6 p.m.</b>	Second Regular Session	In person

18-19 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 2024 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024
- 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 2024
- **Updated status of UN-Women management actions** to address outstanding audit recommendations and management response
- Update on the revised **Financial Regulations and Rules**
- Update on the **progress of the JIU review of governance and oversight** of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women
- Address by the Chair of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UN-Women **Staff Council** and management action
- Annual report of the office of **the Ombudsperson** for UN Funds and Programmes
- Update on **organizational culture**
- Update on efforts to **address racism and racial discrimination**
- Update on the continuous work to improve the system of **enterprise risk management** and critical risks of strategic importance
- Joint **United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS** Programme Coordinating Board meeting
- **Engagement with UN80 Initiative**
- Joint field visit

23-25 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**
- Report on the **evaluation function** of UN-Women in 2025 and Report on the corporate thematic evaluation of UN Women’s support to **intergovernmental processes**, and related management perspective and response
- Report of the **internal audit and investigation activities** for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2025, and related management response
- Report of the **Advisory Committee on Oversight** for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2025, and related management response
- Annual report on the **ethics function**, and related management response
- Update on the progress of **the JIU review of governance and oversight** of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women
- 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**

9-10 September  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## Second Regular Session:

- Report on the **structured dialogue on financing**
- Update on the progress of the **JIU review of governance and oversight** of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women
- Report on the UN-Women Executive Board field visit in 2026

### Joint Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women UN-Women in 2026 is the Coordinating Agency for all joint activities

The Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP engage in a **Joint Meeting of the Boards (JMB)** every year. **In 2026, the JMB will take place on 5 June.**

**Joint Field Visits** 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. **The 2026 JFV is likely Mozambique**

As mandated by Decision 2017/8, **UN-Women organizes an annual field visit**, of the Bureau/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. **Bolivia will be the 2026 UN-Women FV**



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