



## UN-Women Executive Board

Pre-Session in advance of the First Regular Session 2026

*28 January 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

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## Documentation

1. Annotated provisional agenda and workplan of the first regular session of 2026 (UNW/2026/L.1/Rev.1)
2. Annual workplan for the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for 2026 (UNW/2026/L.2)
3. Provisional agenda and workplan for the annual session of 2026 (UNW/2026/CRP.1)
4. Report on the second regular session 2025 (UNW/2025/10)
5. Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its 2025 sessions (UNW/2025/11)
6. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 and Report of the Board of Auditors (A/80/5/Add.12)
7. 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: report of the Secretary-General (A/80/353/Add.1)
8. Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes
9. Revised Financial Regulations and Rules



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**Background notes and other documentation**

1. Updated status of UN-Women management actions to address outstanding audit recommendations
2. Update on the progress of the JIU review
3. Update on organizational culture
4. Update on efforts to address racism and racial discrimination
5. Update on risk management and principal risks facing UN-Women
6. UN-Women's follow-up to recommendations of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

### Workplan

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<b>Wednesday, 18 February</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 first regular session 2026</li> <li>• Adoption of the annual workplan 2026</li> <li>• Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2025</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</li> </ul> <p><i>Opening the floor for statements</i></p> <p><i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i></p>
	1.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.		

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<b>Wednesday, 18 February</b>	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	2	<b>Audit matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing on the financial report and audited financial statements of UN-Women for the year ended 31 December 2024 and Report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024*</li><li>• 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: report of the Secretary-General</li><li>• Updated status of UN-Women management actions to address outstanding audit recommendations</li><li>• Update on the revised Financial Regulations and Rules</li></ul>

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<b>Wednesday, 18 February</b>	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	3	<b>JIU review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women</b>  • Update on the progress of the JIU review*
		4	<b>Engagement with UN80 Initiative</b>
	Post-meeting		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions, as needed</i>

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<b>Thursday, 19 February</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	5	<p><b>Organizational culture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address by the Chair of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UN-Women Staff Council and management action</li> <li>• Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes</li> <li>• Update on organizational culture and anti-discrimination*</li> </ul>
		6	<p><b>Anti-racism and racial discrimination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on efforts to address racism and racial discrimination*</li> </ul>

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<b>Thursday, 19 February</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7	<b>Risk management</b>
	1.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on risk management and principal risks facing UN-Women*</li> </ul> <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	8	<b>Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN-Women’s follow-up to recommendations of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting</li> </ul>

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<b>Thursday, 19 February</b>	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	9	<b>Joint field visit</b>  • Report of the joint field visit to Egypt by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 26-30 October 2025
		10	<b>Other matters</b>  <i>Adoption of draft decisions</i>
		1	<b>Organizational matters</b>  • Approval of the provisional agenda and workplan for the annual session 2026  <b>Closing of the session</b>  • Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women



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## Negotiations on draft decisions

Informal consultations on draft decisions:

Tuesday, 17 February 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room C, UNHQ

Wednesday, 18 February 2026, 1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in Conference Room C, UNHQ & Post plenary session, CR 1925 UN-Women HQ

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<b>Wednesday, 18 February</b>	<i>1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m. &amp; Post plenary session</i>		As needed
<b>Thursday, 19 February</b>	<i>1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.</i>		As needed



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## List of decisions and facilitators

- 1. Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 and Report of the Board of Auditors (Decision 2026/1)** Facilitator TBC
- 2. JIU review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women (Decision 2026/2)** Facilitator TBC
- 3. Organizational culture (Decision 2026/3)** Facilitator TBC
- 4. Risk management (Decision 2026/4)** Facilitator TBC
- 5. Anti-racism and racial discrimination (Decision 2026/5)** Facilitator TBC



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1. Delegation credentials should be sent to the Executive Board Secretariat **in advance** via the link: [UN-Women Executive Board First Regular Session 2026](#).
2. For inscription on the **list of speakers**, please follow the link: [The list of speakers in UN-Women Executive Board First Regular Session 2026](#) as early as possible, but **no later than 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, 17 February 2026**.
3. To register for potential informal consultations at UN-Women HQ after the session, please follow the link: [Informal consultations on draft decisions for UN-Women First Regular Session 2026](#)

All links above could be found on the [First Regular Session webpage](#).

4. Please send **all statements** (in both PDF and Word format) to [estatements@un.org](mailto:estatements@un.org). [All submissions should be sent no later than two hours before delivery of the statement](#) and contain the **name of the meeting and speaker**, as well as the **agenda item**, in the **subject line of the email** and in the heading of the statement. Statements will be embargoed until delivery and will be uploaded thereafter. Once uploaded, statements will be visible in the **UN Journal**.