



**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL  
Management Segment**

**Introduction of the Annual Overview Report of the  
United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2023**

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Mister Vice-President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to present, on behalf of the Secretary-General, highlights from the Annual Overview Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2023 (E/2024/11), illustrating how the United Nations (UN) system is working together to deliver on intergovernmental mandates.

Under the Secretary-General's chairmanship, the Board acts as a catalyst for integration and policy coherence to support Member States. Functioning as an internal "think tank," it harnesses expertise from across the entire UN system to develop forward-looking solutions in response to mandates from the legislative and governing bodies of its 31 member organizations. The Board is committed to fostering systemic transformation and enhancing performance by prioritizing results orientation, enabling data-based analysis and decision-making, embracing innovation and digital solutions, utilizing strategic foresight, and cultivating a work culture that enhances collaboration and fosters accountability.

Distinguished delegates,

In 2023, amid multiple and compounding crises, the Board and its subsidiary mechanisms reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Member States in strengthening the multilateral system and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aligning with the vision of the Secretary-General's report entitled "Our Common Agenda". The Board underscored that the UN system would continue to support Member States across mandates, pillars, and functions, putting people at the centre of its work, while focusing on systemic transformations, and supporting the 2030 Agenda through coherent policies and programmes.

Over the course of the year, the Board and its High-level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) considered several key issues of system-wide concern with the aim to strengthen policy coherence and coordination, as highlighted in the report before you. Allow me to focus on a few initiatives.

With the support of HLCP, the Board expanded its efforts on international data governance, aiming to balance data protection with making data access more inclusive and promoting an approach that was grounded in human rights and supported sustainable development. With regards to duties to the future, the Board endorsed a set of common principles on future generations. Both initiatives are intended to inform the work of UN system entities and are offered as UN system contributions to intergovernmental deliberations.

Having contributed in 2023 to HLCP's efforts to foster long-term planning and intergenerational thinking, the Strategic Foresight Network has since become the basis for the Secretary-General's UN 2.0 Foresight Community of Practice. Its aim is to enhance new skills to strengthen UN capabilities to better address the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Against the background of continuous advancements in the area of technology, including artificial intelligence (AI), a joint session of the HLCP and the High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) addressed the issue of the governance and use of AI and other frontier technologies. Emphasizing the need for a values-based approach to AI that is grounded in the UN Charter, the committees requested HLCP to prepare an analysis of the United Nations system's institutional models, functions and existing international normative frameworks applicable to AI governance. This UN system-wide contribution seeks to inform to relevant deliberations on the governance of AI. In addition, an HLCM task force was established to develop an internal system-wide normative and operational framework for AI use in the UN system and identify and promote mechanisms for pooling technical capacity and knowledge-sharing.

As far as enhancing systemwide cohesion in the area of management, in 2023, efforts continued to enhance transparency and accountability through expanded UN system-wide financial and human resources statistics, which were made more accessible and comprehensive.

HLCM held dialogues on data management that led to the development of a maturity model and roadmap for cyber and data risk readiness, and to the adoption of a common approach and position on ransomware response.

In the realm of innovation and digital transformation, the delivery phase of the first use case for the United Nations Digital ID initiative started in March 2023, with the go-live in June 2024.

Efforts continued within the Committee and its networks to foster a workplace culture aligned with the vision of a United Nations 2.0, emphasizing diversity, anti-racism, and intolerance for harassment or discrimination.

The High-level Committee on Management addressed as a priority disability inclusion and accessibility within the United Nations, reflecting its commitment to the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy adopted by CEB in 2019.

CEB continued to take further steps to implement a zero-tolerance policy and recommitted to preventing and responding to sexual harassment across the United Nations system and to addressing the remaining challenges. In this regard, the new United Nations Executive Group to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Harassment in the UN System was formed, building on the work previously carried out by the CEB Task Force on Addressing Sexual Harassment within the Organizations of the UN System to support a common UN system approach to this challenge.

A new Mental Health and Well-being Strategy for 2024 and beyond was endorsed, focusing on system-wide approach and sustained support for implementation.

Multilingualism remained a core value through the engagement with relevant networks and the promotion of a coordinated approach across the UN system including of the recently released United Nations Strategic Framework on Multilingualism.

Mr. Vice-President,  
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Distinguished delegates,

I trust that the report before you demonstrated the Board's commitment to strengthen and amplify the capacity of the multilateral system to deliver on all aspects of its sustainable development, human rights, humanitarian, and peace actions around the world, guided by the UN Charter and the full range of mandates entrusted to United Nations system entities.

I thank you for this opportunity to brief the Council.

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