

Independent Evaluation Office Newsletter

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UN Women Executive Board appreciated Independent Evaluation Office progress in ensuring an independent and credible evaluation function while strengthening gender-responsive capacities within the UN system and national evaluation systems.

As indicated by the UN Women Global Evaluation Committee, and given the triple mandate (normative, operational and coordination) of UN Women, an innovate evaluation function is needed. This is why the Independent Evaluation Office, in addition to enhancing the UN Women corporate and decentralized evaluation function, is also striving to expand and multiply its impact through joint evaluations, UN system-wide coordination and innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships such as EvalPartners.

With the aim of ensuring the UN Women evaluation function is "fit for purpose", the 2014 workplan of the Independent Evaluation Office covers four areas: i) implement effective corporate evaluations; ii) strengthen the decentralized evaluation function; ii) promote UN coordination on gender responsive evaluation; and iv) strengthen national evaluation capacities for gender responsive monitoring and evaluation systems.

For the last two areas, partnership is the most cost-effective strategy to leverage results. This is why the UN Women Independent Evaluation Office is committed to leading a wide partnership for gender-responsive evaluation.

At its Annual Meeting in June, the UN Women Executive Board appreciated this approach, as highlighted in the articles in this newsletter.

I wish you enjoyable reading.

Marco Segone, Director, Independent Evaluation Office



UN Women Executive Director highlights importance and full commitment to evaluation function at the opening speech of the Annual Session of the Executive Board meeting.

At the UN Women Executive Board Annual Session, Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN

Women, stated that "UN Women relies on the Independent Evaluation Office to improve our performance. This is why I am personally committed to ensure the evaluation office is fully funded.... Ensuring that the evaluation function is independent, credible and relevant requires continuous attention. I thank our Independent Evaluation Office, the Evaluation Advisory Committee and Executive Board members for your continued constructive engagement with us."

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UN Women Executive Board appreciate progress done in the evaluation function and quality of annual report.

Fifteen delegations commended the Independent Evaluation Office for the "interesting and excellent report" that "demonstrate[d] that the evaluation



function is not only moving in the right direction, but has come a long way". Delegations appreciated the innovative and partner-oriented approach of the Independent Evaluation Office and its role in leading UN system-wide coordination in gender-responsive evaluation.

In its Board decision, the UN Women Executive Board welcomed the efforts made by UN Women and the progress achieved in strengthening the evaluation function at the corporate and decentralized levels, as well as in leading system-wide gender evaluation efforts. The Executive Board also commended the efforts of UN Women in fostering innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships for national evaluation capacity development and requested the Independent Evaluation Office continue to pursue system-wide gender evaluation efforts and innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships for national evaluation capacity development.

Click here to download Member States statements on the evaluation function.

Click here to download the Executive Board decision on the annual report on the evaluation function.

Annual report on evaluation function presented at the Executive Board **Annual Session.**

Marco Segone, Director, Independent Evaluation Office, presented the annual report on evaluation function at the Executive Board Annual Session. The report highlights progress made by the evaluation function in 2013, presenting key performance indicators and systems put in place to strengthen the internal evaluation function, as well as the contribution of UN Women to UN system-wide coordination of evaluation on gender equality and national evaluation capacity development.

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About the Independent Evaluation Office

The UN Women Independent Evaluation Office main purpose is to enhance accountability, inform decision-making and contribute to learning on the best ways to achieve women's empowerment and gender equality through normative, operational and coordination work. UN Women Independent Evaluation Office also strengthens capacities for gender responsive evaluation within UN entities, governments and civil society organizations.

UN Women is the UN entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women, focusing on five priority areas: increasing women's leadership and participation; ending violence against women; engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes; enhancing women's economic empowerment; and making gender central to national development planning and budgeting. UN Women also coordinates and promotes the UN system's work in advancing gender equality.

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