

Independent Evaluation Office Newsletter

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Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of the UNW Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) newsletter. This newsletter aims at strengthening knowledge management and information sharing about the evaluation function while enhancing its transparency.

Comments to improve it even further are welcome!

I wish you a pleasant reading.

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Corporate Evaluation Plan

UNW IEO has released its Corporate Evaluation Plan which outlines the Corporate Evaluations to be managed by the Independent Evaluation Office in the period 2014-2017, aligned with UN Women's Strategic Plan 2014-2017.

The purpose of the 2014-2017 Corporate Evaluation Plan is to provide a coherent framework within which useful evaluation

evidence is generated systematically on the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and, as far as possible, impact and sustainability, of work under the UN Women Strategic Plan 2014-2017.

Please [click here](#) to access the IEO Corporate Evaluation Plan.



Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Advisory Committee was established in December 2013 as an advisory forum for the Executive Director and the IEO Director to further ensure the independence and quality of the evaluation function and promote the use of UN Women evaluations.

The Evaluation Advisory Committee is composed of external independent evaluators representing different geographical areas and institutional backgrounds; senior evaluation experts from sister UN agencies and Bretton Woods institutions; and UN Women senior management at HQ and regional level. It is chaired by Caroline Heider, Director General and Senior Vice President, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group.

Please [click here](#) to read the ToRs of Committee and [here](#) for the members of the Committee.



UNEG Strategy

In late 2013, the IEO Director was elected as UNEG vice-chair, with a specific mandate to lead UNEG's agenda on benefiting from and contributing to an enhanced global evaluation profession. The new configuration of UNEG is part of UNEG's strategy that sets the course for UNEG's future work, building on its past achievements. UNEG's role and priorities have evolved to acquire enhanced relevance and provide support for UN reform, by ensuring that: a) evaluation functions and products of UN entities meet UNEG Norms and Standards for evaluation; b) UN entities and partners use evaluation in support of accountability and programme learning; c) evaluation informs UN system-wide initiatives and emerging demands; and d) UNEG benefits from and contributes to an enhanced global evaluation profession.

Please [click here](#) to access the UNEG Strategy

Revamped Website

The UN Women Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) is pleased to launch the newly revamped website:

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/evaluation>



The website is organized across the four results areas of the UN Women IEO evaluation strategy:

- Implementation of effective corporate evaluation systems
- Implementation of effective decentralized evaluation systems
- Promotion of UN coordination on gender-responsive systems
- Strengthening of national evaluation capacities for gender-responsive monitoring and evaluation systems.



UN-SWAP

A plan to improve gender equality and the empowerment of women across the UN system



UN - SWAP on Gender Equality

The Chief Executives Board for coordination System-Wide Policy on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (CEB2006/2) was endorsed in October 2006, as a means of furthering the goal of gender equality and women's empowerment (GEEW) within the policies and programmes of the UN system. As a response, the UN System-Wide Action Plan for the Implementation of the CEB 2006/2 (UN SWAP) was developed by UN Women as one of three inter-connecting mechanisms to create a comprehensive

accountability framework for GEEW in the UN.

The UN SWAP is composed of 14 performance indicators, including one dedicated to evaluation. This is linked to meeting the gender-related UNEG Norms & Standards and demonstrating effective use of the UNEG guidance on integrating gender in evaluation.

The UN-SWAP Evaluation Performance Indicator ultimate goal is that all UN system entities meet the requirements in terms of integrating gender equality and

empowerment of women (GEWE) in their respective evaluations. UN Women IEO supports the piloting of the guidance and scorecard, organizes training sessions, including via webinars, and has established a SWAP help-desk function to support UN evaluation offices in their reporting.

Please [click here](#) to access the SWAP Evaluation Performance Indicator.

Please [click here](#) to access the UN SWAP Evaluation Performance Indicator Technical Note.



UN Women and Eval-Partners

UN Women Independent Evaluation Office believes in the need of working together with national and government and non-governmental partners for strengthening responsive evaluation.

In November 2013, UN Women replaced UNICEF in co-chairing EvalPartners on behalf of UN agencies. By co-leading “EvalPartners”, the global partnership on national evaluation capacity development, jointly with the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE) and other Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation, the Independent Evaluation Office promotes the demand, supply and use of gender responsive national M&E systems.

Through facilitating peer mutual support programmes and south/south initiatives, UN Women works towards strengthening the institutional capacity of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation. Individual evaluators’ capacities, including on gender-responsive evaluations, are also targeted through innovative and cost-effective e-learning programmes, as well as open knowledge management systems.

Please [click here](#) to access EvalPartners.



