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Planet 50-50 by 2030
Step It Up for Gender Equality



Management Response on the Report of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2017





Highlights of UNBoA 2017 Audit

- Seventh consecutive **Unqualified** audit opinion
- Implemented **84%** (21 out of 25) prior year's audit recommendations
- Sustained high and satisfactory recommendations implementation rate
- **12** new audit recommendations issued for 2017

5 Key recommendations

1. Need an action plan for handling staff with disabilities
2. Complete fraud risks assessment and training
3. Strengthen process of selection of implementing partners and capacity assessment policy, including risk rating
4. Strengthen accountability of field offices in implementing financial findings from Implementing Partner audit
5. Conclusively assess NGO/NIM prior years project audit findings and consider policies to address weaknesses

7 Other recommendations in areas of:

- Governance, accountability and business transformation (1) – UNBoA assessed 1 implemented
- Programme and Project management (3)
- Human Resource management (1)
- Information Communication Technology management (2) – UN-Women assessed 1 implemented

1. Weakness in managing staff advances (UN-Women assessed as implemented)
2. Weakness in assessment and selection of implementing partners (revised Target Implementation date: First Quarter 2019)
3. Need policy on establishment of programme and field presence (Target Implementation date: First Quarter 2019)
4. Enhance system support for NGO/NIM project audit activities (Target Implementation date: Fourth Quarter 2019)

- Fully implemented all audit recommendations issued in 2014 and 2015
- Implemented 2 out of 3 main audit recommendations issued in 2016; last 1 to be implemented in first quarter 2019
- Provided detailed contribution to the *'Report of the Secretary General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of the United Nations funds and programmes for the financial period ended 31 December 2016'* and presented the updated status for each recommendation



Thank you!
Q & A