




Management Response to the
report of the Audit Advisory
▼ Committee for the period from 1
January to 31 December 2018

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The management of UN-Women welcomes the seventh report of the Audit Advisory Committee (AAC) and expresses its appreciation to the distinguished members of the Committee for their support and dedication to the organization's mandate.



Internal audit, evaluation, and investigations

UN-Women Management Response:

- Acknowledges the Committee's emphasis on realizing **synergies between the evaluation and audit functions** and appreciates the observation that the functions are already working together to optimize oversight and assurance results;
- Welcomes the positive remarks on transitioning the audit approach from assurance focused primarily on financial coverage, to **assurance and advice on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of governance, risk management and internal controls**;
- Confirms that the **Director, IEAS was designated as the responsible official for investigations**, in line with the Committee's observation;



Board of Auditors

UN-Women Management Response:

- Appreciates the Committee's acknowledgement of **efforts to implement outstanding recommendations;**
- Remains committed, within available resources, to take needed actions to implement recommendations in a timely manner;



Organizational challenges

UN-Women Management Response:

- Appreciates the Committee's **recognition of its efforts to build trust** in the organization's conflict mitigation procedures;
- Reiterates its **commitment to proactively addressing management-related issues** throughout the organization;
- Highlights the need for greater resources to fully address the Committee's recommendations in this area, especially in terms of core resources;



Programming activities

UN-Women Management Response:

- Welcomes the Committee's observations in terms of partner selection and monitoring, and **confirms that consistent efforts are underway to address these issues;**



Enterprise Risk Management

UN-Women Management Response:

- Continues its work on **enhancing risk management culture** throughout the organization and institutionalization of the risk management framework;



Funding Framework and resource mobilization

UN-Women Management Response

- Confirms its commitment to **diversifying funding sources**, including through strengthening support to field offices and National Committees to broaden its funding base;
- Reiterates that the revised portfolio for the Deputy Executive Director/ Assistant-Secretary-General for Resource Management, Sustainability, and Partnerships reflects the recommendation of the Committee; and that the **revised portfolio will strengthen accountability and clarify responsibilities for resource mobilization** at the executive level.