Management response to the report of the UN-Women Evaluation Function

2019 Annual Meeting
Executive Board
1. UN Women Management goals and approach to ensure evaluation excellence
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UN Women will continue to ensure high coverage, quality and use of evaluations based on a holistic approach.

UN Women goals and approach to further enhance the evaluation function excellence:

Goals:
- High Coverage
- Quality standards
- Enhanced use

Approach:
- Strengthening of Evaluation and RBM skills and practices across the organization
- Integration of Evaluation KPIs and insights in the Management Systems (COAT, Project Module)
- Development of strategies and guidance to enhance strategic and impactful evaluations
- Coordination within the UN System and alignment with the UN and UNDAF reforms
Several actions have been launched and will be rolled out during the next months.

UN Women on-going and planned actions to further enhance the evaluation function excellence

**Strengthened skills and practices**
- HQ and field staff to be trained on Results Based Programme Management and Evaluation building on the great success of the training sessions previously conducted by the PD and the IEAS and on the eLearning course “How to Manage Gender-Responsive Evaluation” developed by the IEAS
- Ad hoc training sessions to be conducted depending on the staff’s needs with a focused support to the M&E focal points

**Streamlined Management Systems**
- Support to the use of UNW Strategic Plan Portal already launched and which includes evaluation planning indicators
- Development of a Project Module facilitating the use of evaluation and lessons learned
  - Development of a Transparency Portal to monitor UNW Strategic Plan and Strategic Notes
  - Identification and targeting of offices with no evaluation over the last six years

**Supporting strategies and guidance**
- Strategic Notes and Annual Work Plan guidance including budgeted multi-year evaluation plans and focusing on the integration of evaluation lessons to improve strategic and evidence-based planning

**Fostered coordination within the UN System**
- Support to the joint evaluations conducted by field offices to ensure coherence and greater effectiveness on GEWE in line with the UNDAF guidance and the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) strategy 2020-2024
- Enhance joint and system-wide evaluations and Cooperation Framework evaluations and ensuring quality, diversified partnerships and adequate funding
UN Women is fully engaged to ensure evaluation excellence building on the already achieved success

UN Women principles of actions to further enhance the evaluation function excellence

- UN-Women remains **fully committed to further strengthen quality, coverage and use of both corporate and decentralized evaluations** in strong collaboration with the IEAS

- UN-Women Programme Division will work closely with the IEAS to:
  - Ensure adequate balance, synchronization and functional integrity of the **combined oversight functions**
  - **Consistent management** demand and better use of evaluations
  - Develop **results architecture** to better capture UN-Women’s impact

- UN-Women will continue to ensure **adequate financial and human resources** to the evaluation function through continuous capacity building and improvement of result based management and monitoring systems
Thank you