UN WOMEN EVALUATION POLICY REVISION

APRIL 2020
effective in January 2013
governs the independent evaluation function
aligns with the norms and standards of the UNEG
tailored specifically to the unique mandate of UN Women to conduct gender-responsive evaluations
The three assessments concluded that UN Women’s evaluation policy provided a sound framework for the evaluation function.

The Executive Board of UN Women subsequently requested UN Women to carry out a review of the evaluation policy in three years.
Light revision of the evaluation policy led by the Independent Evaluation Service (IES)

Based on a normative assessment of the document against recognized international standards, the needs of UN Women stakeholders

Benchmarking with relevant policies of other UN agencies
Policy in line with contextual changes in **UN-Women and the UN system (UN reform)** and the establishment of the Independent Evaluation and Audit Services (IEAS)

Non-substantive changes to better reflect **updated UNEG Norms** and Standards, **modern evaluation practices** and to improve readability

**Separation of evaluation management content** to streamline the policy document
**EVALUATION BUDGET RANGE**
From 1.5% to 3% of programme expenditure

- Evaluation budget = value it provides to UN Women and its rights holders
- Flexibility
- Frame of reference
- The right evaluations at the right time

**EVALUATION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**
Strengthened Advisory Committee on Oversight (ACO)

- The ACO replaces the GEAC and assumes a greater role
- The ACO terms of reference and membership strengthened in 2019
- The ACO advises the Executive Director on a range of issues including: policy, strategy, work plan and quality assurance of the evaluation function
- The ACO reports annually to the Executive Board
+ informal consultation with the Executive Board members on policy revisions

+ informal consultation on evaluation with the Executive Board on 8 June 2020 together with the annual report on the Evaluation function

+ the endorsement of proposed revisions by the Executive Board during the annual session in 22-24 June 2020 (Agenda item: “Report on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women”)

NEXT STEPS
Thank you

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