1. Context and overview
2. 2020 UNBoA audit and status of recommendations
3. Contributions towards Strategic Plan 2022-2025 Implementation
UN-Women commits to:

- Promote **accountability and transparency** and as part of principled performance, strengthen systematic and sustainable uptake of audit and assessment findings for continuous improvement of **internal governance, risk management and controls**

- Ensure successful implementation of the Executive Board-endorsed **Strategic Plan 2022-2025**, through timely implementation of audit recommendations, and remain responsive and agile to respond to an evolving **operating environment**, including in the context of COVID-19.
Overview of 2020 UNBoA Audit (as of 30 December 2020)

10th consecutive unqualified audit opinion

23 recommendations issued

Offices Audited:
- Headquarters
- West and Central Africa RO
- Arab States RO
- Jordan CO

Total 29 outstanding audit recommendations as of January 2022

72% (21 recs)
- Actions completed (7 recs)
- Assessed as implemented (14 recs)

UN-Women has NO Long outstanding and NO Prior Years’ UNBoA recommendations

28% (8 recs)
- Actions in progress (8 recs)

Status of remaining 6 prior years’ recommendations (EB Decision)

All 6 prior years’ recommendations assessed by UNBoA as implemented and closed
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025 IMPLEMENTATION

Positive impacts from implementing audit recommendations

**Principled Performance**
- ERM maturity progress with clear instructions for the assessment of risks and mitigating actions and streamlined aggregation of cross-cutting risks
- Enhanced coordination levy review and reporting to Secretariat
- Robust ICT security access control
- Increased compliance to risk-based partner expenditure review and timely recording

**Products, Services and Processes**
- Standardized project closure checklist
- Well-defined workflow to resolve partner audit financial findings
- Updated guidance on project procurement plan

**Advancing Partnerships and Resourcing**
- Improved donor report preparation procedures

**Business Transformation**
- Standardized office typology and a single source information system for global footprint
- Global availability of data on partner performance

**Empowered People**
- Deepened staff capacity on risk-based partner expenditure review through training
THANK YOU!