

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

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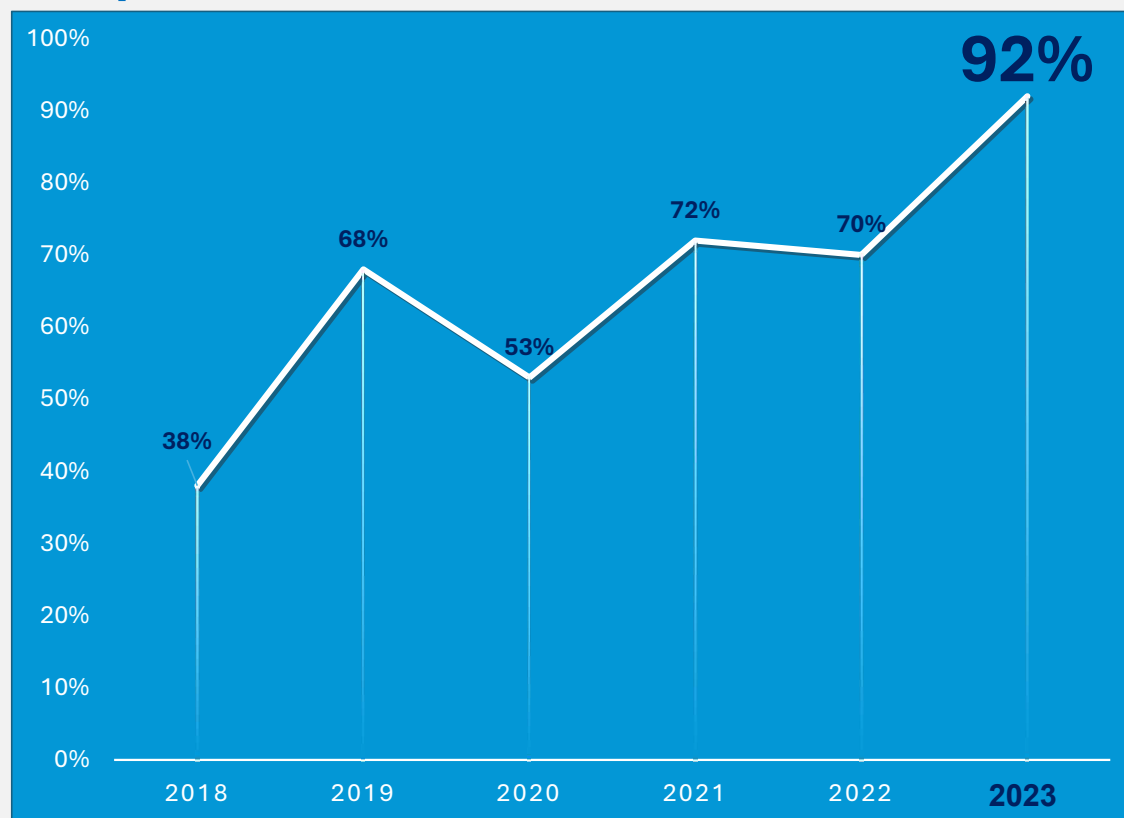


OVERVIEW OF UNBOA 2023 AUDIT

13th Consecutive
unqualified
audit opinion

4th year
No Long-Outstanding
Recommendations

Implementation rate of recommendations

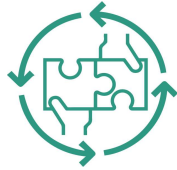


IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS



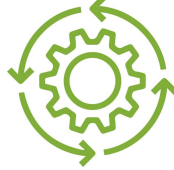
Principled Performance

- ❖ Strengthened risk assessment and validation through new guidance on risk tolerance levels
- ❖ New Planning, Monitoring, and Reporting Policy standardized results attainment and tracking
- ❖ Improved environmental indicators with the implementation of the Social and Environmental Sustainability Policy
- ❖ Marked reduction in partner audit financial findings through quarterly monitoring



Advancing Partnerships and Resourcing

- ❖ Enhanced transparency through the UN Women Transparency Portal, with clear links to SDGs
- ❖ New Private Sector Engagement Policy and Procedure helped forge strategic private-sector partnerships to advance gender equality



Business Transformation

- ❖ Optimized organizational efficiency and effectiveness with a successful upgrade to a new ERP system, Quantum
- ❖ Adoption of UN minimum baseline standards for cybersecurity improved resilience and risk mitigation at all levels
- ❖ Enhanced internal control framework and automated delegation of authority system



Empowered People

- ❖ Upskilled personnel through targeted capacity building on Quantum and the use of FACE Forms, enhancing operational efficiency and programme implementation
- ❖ Increased completion of mandatory trainings through automated notifications



Products, Services, and Processes

- ❖ Improved procurement monitoring, reporting and transparency through customized dashboards
- ❖ Strengthened procedures for end-to-end programme partner management, from enhanced partner selection and risk-based capacity assessment and validation processes, to the closure of partner agreements
- ❖ Streamlined processes for recurring goods and services through long-term agreements



CONCLUSION

UN-Women reaffirms its commitment to fully **implementing all recommendations** from the UN Board of Auditors.

UN-Women's dedication to the **continuous strengthening of risk management and internal controls** is key to ensuring consistent and reliable delivery of transformative results for advancing gender equality and women's rights and empowerment.

Thank you!