

Informal briefing on ongoing work to improve forward-looking and efficient budget management

UN-Women Executive Board
24 January 2025



Agenda Items

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Context

Implementation of the UN-Women Strategic Plan is enabled by **efficient & effective budget management**, a key element of the Strategic Plan OEE framework

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Key corporate developments to ensure efficient budget management

- a) UN-Women **Transparency Portal**
- b) **Budget Allocation Committee**
- c) **Priority strategic investments** from the available regular resource balances

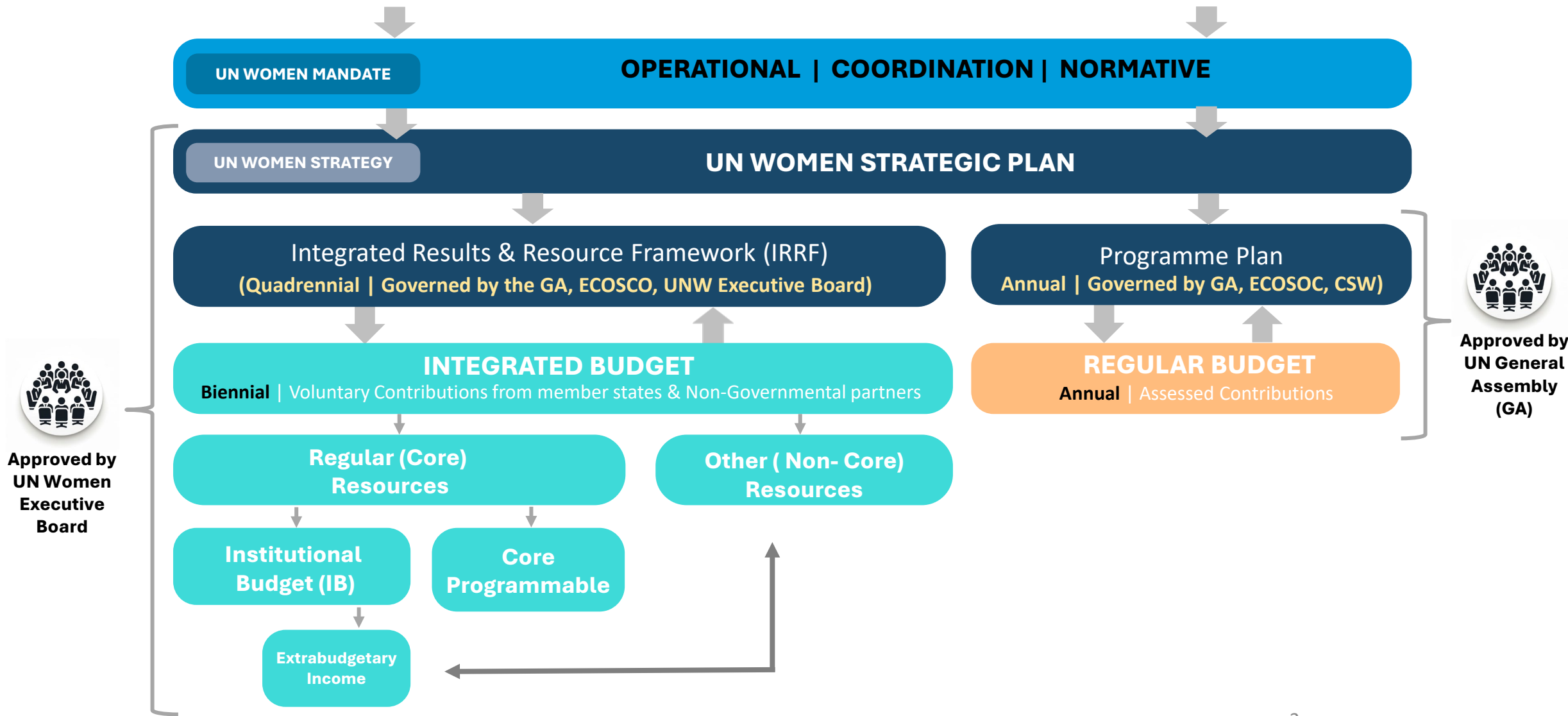
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Reporting engagements

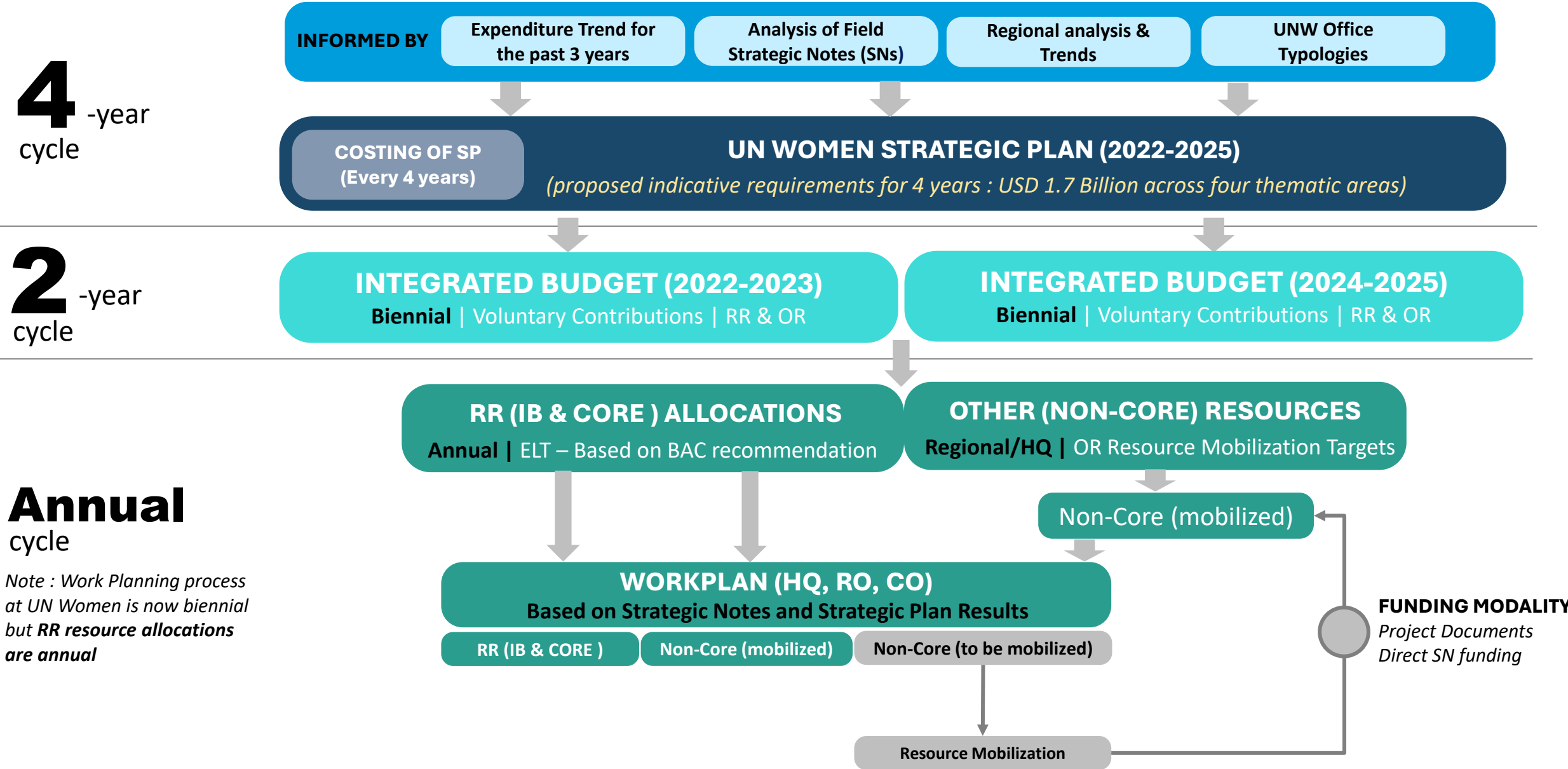
Upcoming existing reporting engagements for **forward looking** and **efficient budget management**



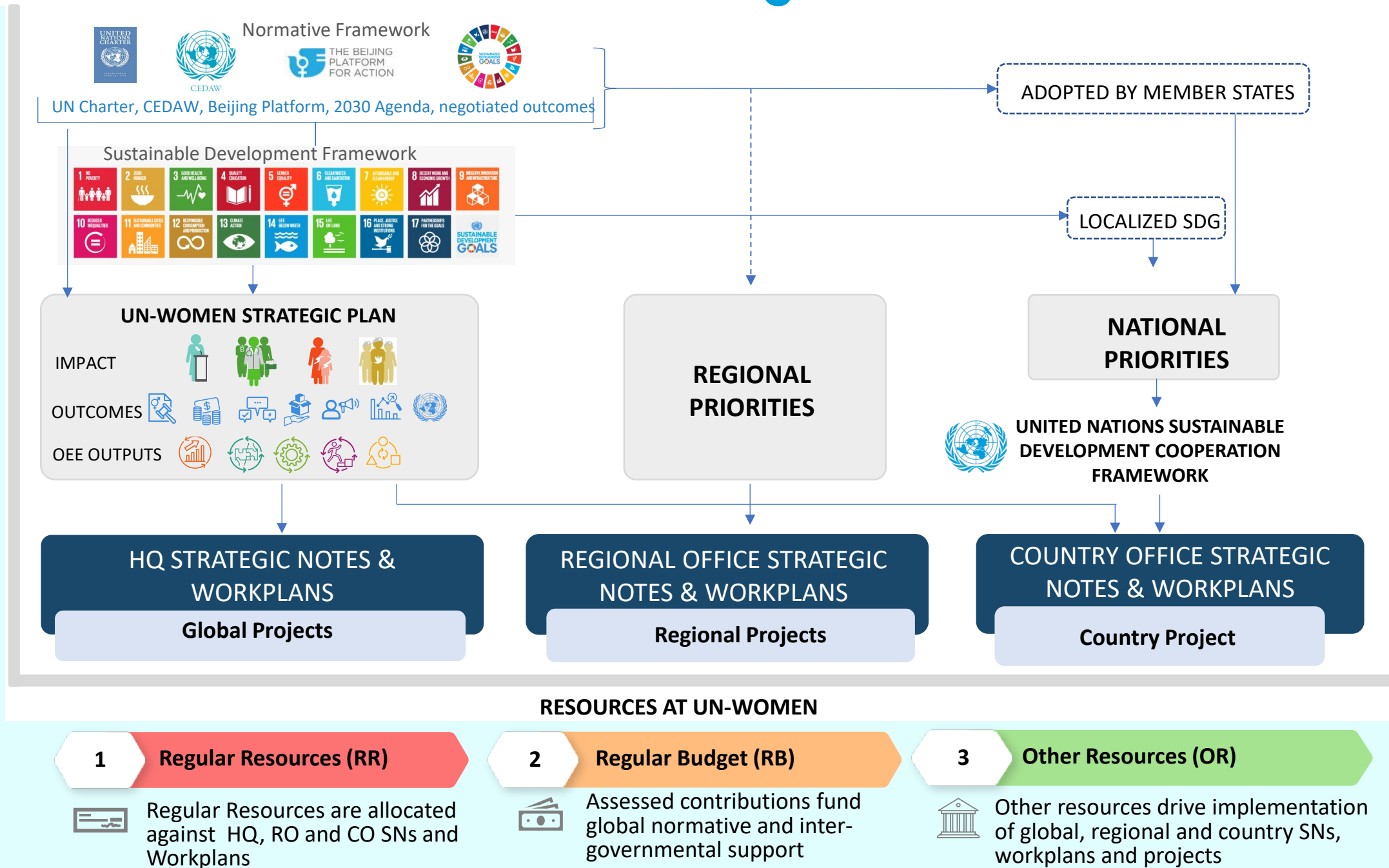
Corporate Context



Strategic Plan Funding Framework



UN-Women Results Architecture Linking Results to Resources



Transparency Portal

a tool for forward-looking and efficient budget management

The Transparency Portal (<https://open.unwomen.org/>) is an **interactive and data-driven public platform** that makes UN-Women's results and resources data visible to partners and the general public.

It shows **financial data against the Strategic Plan (SP) and Strategic Notes (SNs)** of Country Offices, Regional Offices and Presences, in line with UN Women's results architecture.

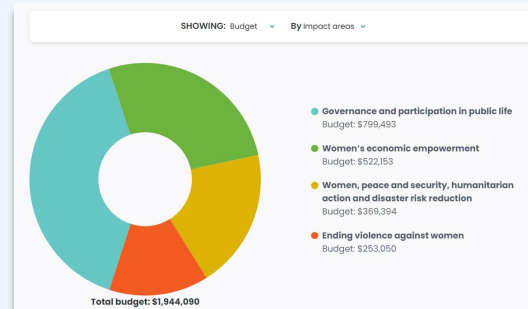
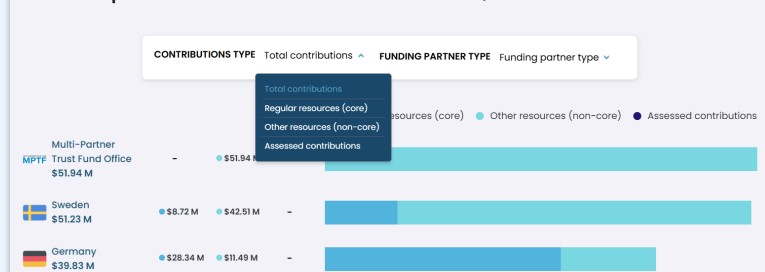
PHASES I + II Overview of financial data

Data filterable by Regular Resources, Other Resources and Assessed Contributions

Planned budget, actual budget, shortfall, expenses & future budgets per outcomes and outputs

Country budget data per impact areas, systemic outcomes, organizational outputs and SDGs

Top 20 contributors to UN Women in 2023, millions of US dollars



Sweden						EXPAND
SHOWING: Funding Partner profile for Sweden						
OVERALL						FUNDING PARTNER SPECIFIC
RECIPIENT COUNTRY	IATI IDENTIFIER	OUTCOME DESCRIPTION	PLANNED BUDGET	ACTUAL BUDGET	FUNDS SHORTFALL	FUNDS: COMMITTED
Afghanistan	XM-DAC-41146-AFG_D_12	Women have improved capacity, access to resources/knowledge and agency to participate, lead and engage in political processes, including running as elective officials in Afghanistan	\$958,718	\$641,113	\$317,605	\$192,116

PHASE III

Key features to be launched by early 2025

Visibility of Regular (core) Resources

Additional data visualizations including budget trends

AI-powered advanced search

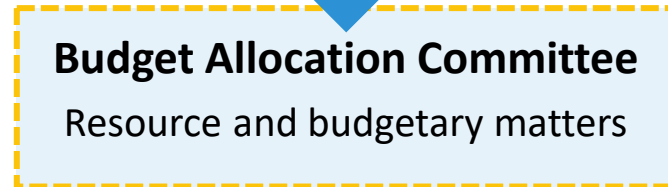
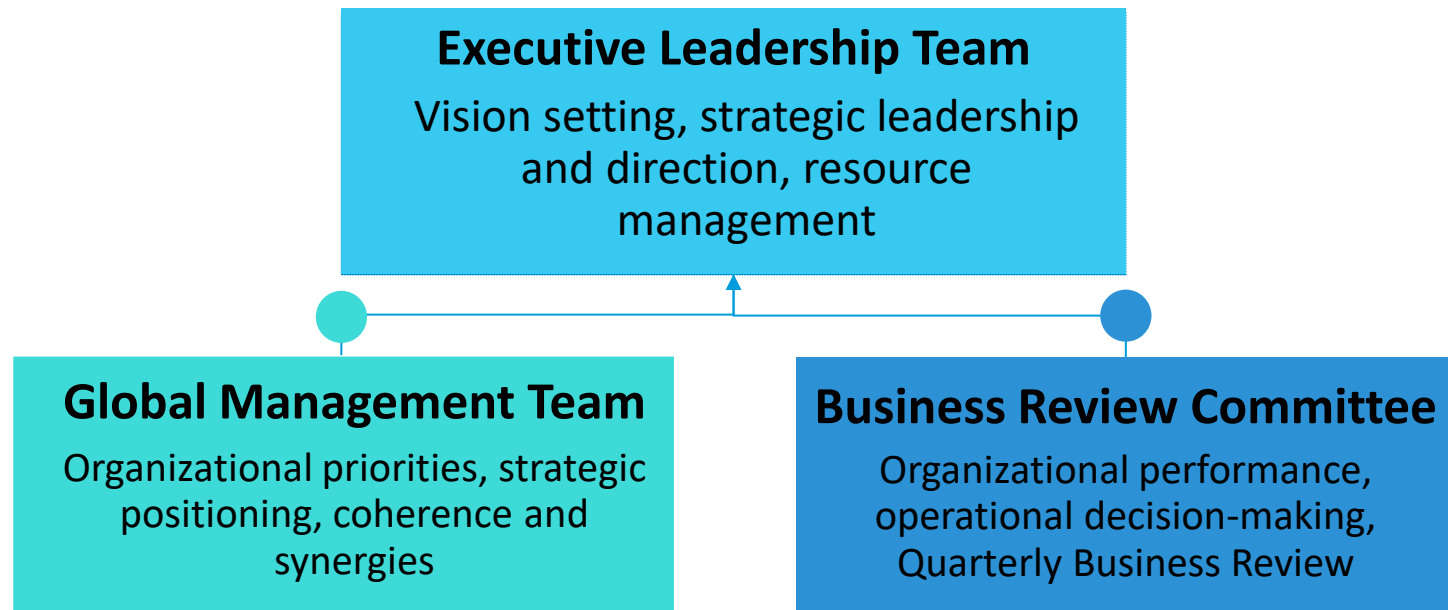
Beta version launched in Dec 2024

Indicator and outcome dashboard with budget data

Project and programme partner data

Budget Allocation Committee

established as a key part of the UN-Women internal governance framework



Functions of the BAC

Ensure an **integrated, transparent and efficient process** to inform and provide recommendations to the ELT on resource planning and allocation.

Make recommendations based on a **results-driven, risk-informed, and fact-based organization-wide perspective**

Facilitate decision-making on the **annual resource allocation process**

Assess strategic priorities and financial parameters for **Integrated & Institutional Budgets**

Analyze UN Women's **overall financial status**



Priority strategic investments from the accumulated balances, 1/2

Five strategic areas were identified for use from the available regular resource balances, aligned with corporate priorities to **accelerate implementation of the 2022-25 Strategic Plan**. Below are examples of investments supported in each of these:

1 Implement the **‘pivot to the field’** and shore up UN Women’s ability to deliver across the triple mandate

- Flagship initiative on WEE rolled out in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia, mobilizing \$20m
- ~2,000 women supported with business skills, financial literacy and market linkages in ESARO
- Strengthened LAC regional team supported two new NAPs on 1325, in Colombia and Ecuador
- Strategic investment in Uzbekistan resulted in a + \$2m portfolio
- National policies on VAW, electoral reforms and women’s leadership in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania

2 Enhance investment in UN Women’s UN system **coordination mandate**

- Enhanced ability of UNCTs to mainstream GEWE in CCAs and UNSDCFs, including in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, and 12 countries in the ECA region
- Seconded gender advisors to 5 RCs in countries where UN Women does not have a physical presence (ESAR)
- Extensive support to utilize UNCT-SWAP, scorecard exercises and gender equality marker

3 Bolster organizational capacity to **effectively deliver in crisis-affected countries** and humanitarian strengthening

- Enhanced technical and operational capacities in crisis and refugee contexts, including Armenia, Bangladesh, Palestine, Myanmar, and Ukraine
- > 18,000 people across ESARO benefited from humanitarian assistance, focused on women and girls
- Regional crisis SOPs developed in Asia-Pacific; first dashboard of > 100 women-led organizations to be engaged in localized humanitarian response
- Iraq supported to establish the first state-sponsored National Women’s Mediators Network in Arab States
- Gender assessment and advocacy informed a gender approach in the response to Hurricane Beryl
- Enhanced gender-responsive disaster preparedness in Kenya and Mozambique

Priority strategic investments from the accumulated balances, 2/2

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Revenue-generating strategies to ensure financial sustainability

- UN-Women National Committees supported to raise funds via individual giving, resulting in an 111% increase in the number of monthly donors
- ~ 300% year-on-year increase in corporate capacity to conduct due diligence for potential private sector partners (473 requests processed in 2024)
- Country Offices supported to demonstrate results and mobilize new resources (e.g. Uganda/KOICA and Burundi/CERF)
- In Haiti, office capacity stabilized amid escalating crisis, leading to a new \$2.5m grant from Japan

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Strengthen organizational effectiveness and efficiency, oversight and transparency

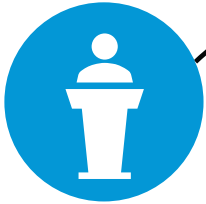
- Technical knowledge centre established to advance data production and research in peace, development and humanitarian settings, benefiting UN Women's work in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia, and Iraq
- Knowledge hub to share best practices, tools, and lessons learned among WCAR countries
- Regional learning initiative aligned with programme priorities benefited +160 staff in ECA
- More than 20 institutions in Tanzania enhanced their capacities in financial management and GRB
- Partners in >10 countries enhanced capacities on gender statistics (LAC)
- Enhanced processes and systems for corporate oversight (e.g. data privacy, Delegation of Authority, financial reporting, internal policy management, presence governance, strategic planning, transparency, anti-fraud)

NOTE:

All resource allocations are in compliance with the governing criteria on the distribution of core programmable resources whereby 80% is distributed to the Regions

Existing reporting engagements with the UN-Women Executive Board

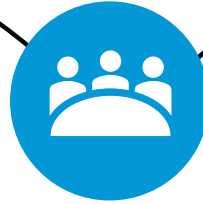
Moving forward, UN-Women looks forward to providing regular updates on forward-looking and efficient budget management in the context of existing EB agenda items and reporting commitments, including:



February 2025

First Regular Session

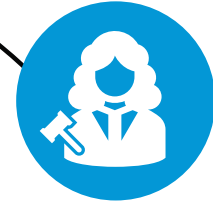
- Financial report and audited financial statements
- Management response to the Report of the Board of Auditors



June 2025

Annual Session

- Executive Director's Annual Report
- Draft integrated budget estimates for the biennium 2026-2027



September 2025

Second Regular Session

- Integrated budget estimates for the biennium 2026-2027 and the management response to the ACABQ Report
- Structured Dialogue on Financing



Thank you for your attention

Any questions or comments?