

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS

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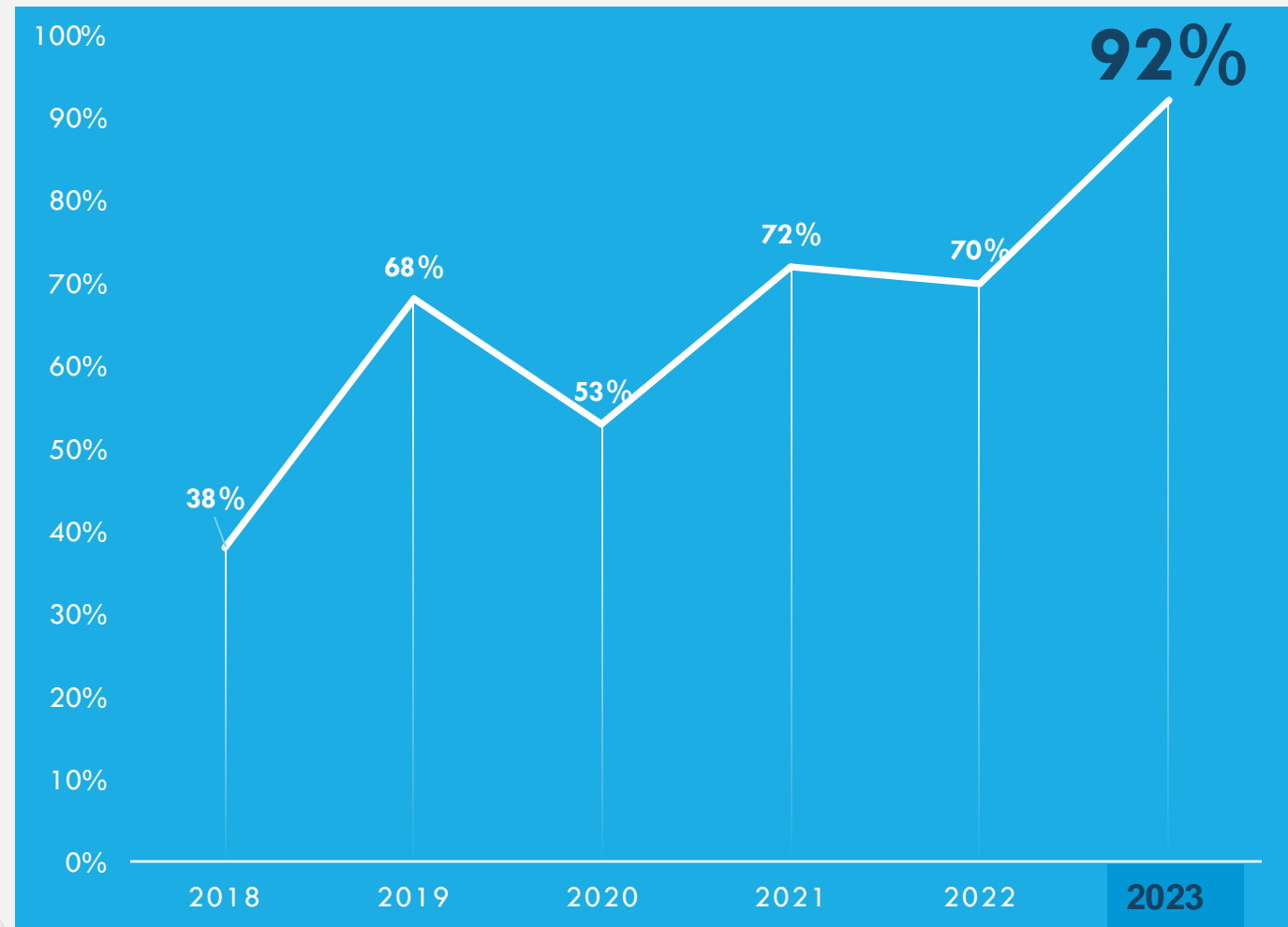
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OVERVIEW OF UNBOA 2023 AUDIT

13th Consecutive
unqualified
audit opinion

4th year
No Long-Outstanding
Recommendations

Implementation rate of recommendations



IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS

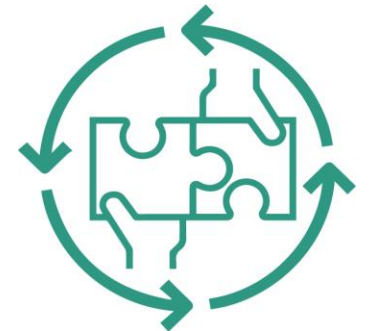
Principled Performance

- Strengthened risk assessment and validation through new guidance on risk propensity scales and risk tolerance levels
- New Planning, Monitoring, and Reporting Policy allows for standardized result tracking
- Increased compliance with completion of mandatory trainings through automated notifications
- Improved environmental indicators with the implementation of the Social and Environmental Sustainability Policy
- Marked reduction in partner audit financial findings, with more effective programme partner selection



Advancing Partnerships and Resourcing

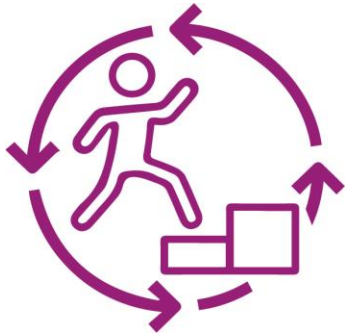
- Enhanced transparency and fund traceability through the UN Women Transparency Portal, with clear links to progress towards the SDGs
- The "Close and Learn Procedure from the Programme Partner Project Procedure" increased collaboration and accountability for the closure of partner agreements
- The new Private Sector Engagement Policy and Procedure helped forge strategic private-sector partnerships to advance gender equality and achieve programme objectives



IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTED RECOMMENDATIONS

Business Transformation

- Optimized organizational efficiency and effectiveness with a successful upgrade to a new globally accessible Enterprise Resource Planning (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 have strengthened organizational oversight



Empowered People

- Upskilled personnel through targeted capacity building on Quantum and the use of FACE Forms, enhancing operational efficiency and programme implementation

Products, services, and processes

- Improved procurement monitoring, reporting and transparency through customized dashboards
- Strengthened risk-based capacity assessment and validation processes through the updated Assurance of Programme Partners Procedure
- Streamlined processes by having long-term agreements for recurring goods and services





| CONCLUSION

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

*UN-Women's dedication to **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!