

Decision 2015/1 on the Report of the Global Evaluation Advisory Committee on the external assessments of the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Global Evaluation Advisory Committee on the external assessments of the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;
2. *Commends* UN-Women for the establishment of a strong enabling environment for evaluation; the strong performance of the Independent Evaluation Office based on the standards of independence, credibility and utility; the leadership by UN-Women in promoting gender equality and responsive evaluation through coordination efforts within the UN system and partnerships, including at country level; and in fostering innovative partnerships for national evaluation capacity development;
3. *Emphasizes* that programme countries should have greater ownership and leadership in the evaluation of all forms of assistance, and *welcomes* UN-Women's role in reinforcing national evaluation capacity development; *reiterates* its request to UN-Women to continue its efforts in this regard;
4. *Takes note* of the recommendation number 4, paragraph 18a of the report, to incorporate a separate budget line for evaluation activities to be considered by the Executive Board in the Integrated Budget 2016-2017, with the aim of achieving the target of 3% of the programme budget;
5. *Requests* UN-Women to protect the strong performance of the Independent Evaluation Office and continue to strengthen the utility, credibility and independence of evaluation, in addition to innovation and country based partnerships for decentralised evaluations;
6. *Requests* UN-Women to continue to demonstrate the importance of evaluation and to enhance the use of evaluation recommendations in its work;
7. *Requests* UN-Women to continue to strengthen its evaluation capacities and to allocate adequate human and financial resources to the Independent Evaluation Office and the overall evaluation function;
8. *Requests* UN-Women to continue to promote reporting against the United Nations System Wide Action Plan (UN-SWAP) Evaluation Indicator and conduct analysis of the reports produced;

9. *Requests* UN-Women to carry out an internal review of the current Evaluation Policy including with regard to the independence of the evaluation function, and report about it within the framework of the Annual Report on the Evaluation Function, to be considered by the Executive Board at the 2016 Annual session meeting.