



# Alignment of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 with the QCPR

- The adoption of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (QCPR) provides great opportunities to the UN development system, including UN-Women, to strengthen system-wide coherence, break silos, innovate and deliver-as-one.
- It reaffirms the centrality of gender equality and women's empowerment as a goal and a mean for sustainable development
- UN-Women has played a proactive role in providing inputs for the QCPR process and deliberations of Member States.
- UN Women will endeavor to fully leverage the QCPR mandate and work with UN partners in order to accelerate progress for women and girls in the 2018-2021 SP.
- QCPR request to SG on system-wide outline of present functions may require changes to the SP in the course of 2017 or 2018

- **The QCPR requests greater coherence, coordination and synergies to drive the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- Strategic Plan anchored in the 2030 Agenda – a long term 2030 vision with 2021 results.
- UN-Women is coordinating closely with other entities, and in particular UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to develop:
  - joint approaches to contributing to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs;
  - Harmonize results framework;
  - Common methodologies to link results and resources
- Notably, UN-Women is working with other entities to ensure that their strategic plans include explicit and complementary contributions to gender equality and the empowerment of women, in line with their specific mandates.
- The Flagship Programming Initiatives (FPIs) aim at achieving several SDGs through one set of coordinated interventions bringing together multiple stakeholders around a common theory of change.

- **The QCPR calls on the UN development system to enhance coordination of development efforts with humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding efforts.**
- A new UNDAF guidance has been prepared by the UN Development Group in anticipation of many of the elements of the QCPR, such as for example, the need for a whole-system response and synergies, and the increased linkages between humanitarian action, development and sustaining peace.
- UN-Women actively contributed to the development of the new UNDAF guidance, including by co-chairing the group that developed the new guidance.
- The new generation of UNDAFs positions gender equality as a key programming principle for UN country teams and will drive the work of the Entity at country level.
- Un Women is enhancing its capacity to integrate GEWE across the the humanitarian, peace and security and development contiguum
- UN Women prioritizes alignment with national priorities and national ownership.

The QCPR calls for further enhance accountability of the UN System on gender equality and the empowerment of women:

- Finalize and launch UN-SWAP 2.0 with explicit references to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
- Develop and roll out a new SWAP Scorecard for UNCTs
- Support the Secretary-General's efforts to achieve parity across the system

- The QCPR calls for a sustainable funding approach, including through more predictable, flexible, effective and efficient voluntary funding,
  - Funding trends are not aligned to QCPR call; UN Women's 2018-2021 financing strategy will aim to address this discrepancy.
  - UN Women convened the task team that prepared the CEB paper on pooled financing mechanisms and will support efforts to double the percentage of non-core resources channeled through such mechanisms.
  - Strengthening of UN Women's cost recovery framework, including direct project costs

- The QCPR emphasizes that achieving the SDGs while leaving no one behind requires a UN development system that is effective and efficient.
- Differentiated country presence
- Business systems and processes streamlined
- Investment in staff capacity
- Partnerships with UN agencies (One UN Operational centers, etc.)
- Innovation and digital technologies fully leveraged to disrupt current GEWE trends, generate economies of scale and enhance UN Women's operational efficiency and evidence-based decision-making.