



Management Response to the Report of the Board of Auditors

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CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW

UN-Women commits to:



Promote **accountability and transparency** and as part of principled performance, strengthen systematic and sustainable uptake of audit and assessment findings for continuous improvement of **internal governance, risk management and controls**



Ensure successful implementation of the Executive Board-endorsed **Strategic Plan 2022-2025**, through timely implementation of audit recommendations, and remain responsive and agile to respond to an evolving **operating environment**, including in the context of COVID-19.

2020 UNBOA AUDIT AND STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview of 2020 UNBoA Audit (as of 30 December 2020)

10th

consecutive
unqualified audit
opinion

Offices Audited:



Headquarters



West and Central Africa RO



Arab States RO



Jordan CO

23

recommendations
issued

Total 29 outstanding audit recommendations as of January 2022

72%

(21 recs)

Actions completed (7 recs)

Assessed as implemented (14 recs)

28%

(8 recs)

Actions in progress (8 recs)

UN-Women has
NO Long outstanding
and
NO Prior Years' UNBoA
recommendations

Status of remaining 6 prior years' recommendations (EB Decision)

All 6

prior years' recommendations
**assessed by UNBoA as
implemented and closed**

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025 IMPLEMENTATION

Positive impacts from implementing audit recommendations



Principled Performance

- ERM maturity progress with clear instructions for the assessment of risks and mitigating actions and streamlined aggregation of cross-cutting risks
- Enhanced coordination levy review and reporting to Secretariat
- Robust ICT security access control
- Increased compliance to risk-based partner expenditure review and timely recording



Products, Services and Processes

- Standardized project closure checklist
- Well-defined workflow to resolve partner audit financial findings
- Updated guidance on project procurement plan



Advancing Partnerships and Resourcing

- Improved donor report preparation procedures



Business Transformation

- Standardized office typology and a single source information system for global footprint
- Global availability of data on partner performance



Empowered People

- Deepened staff capacity on risk-based partner expenditure review through training



THANK YOU!