



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

Review of policies and practices to promote gender-responsive evaluation systems



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Call for accelerating progress towards Gender equality

- 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
 - Implementation hampered by absence of strong evaluation mechanisms
 - Call for accelerating its implementation including by strengthening evaluation systems for gender equality
- Gender equality integrated in post-2015 agenda
- The UNGA adopted a resolution reiterating the importance of building national capacity for evaluation

- To what extent are existing evaluation systems - within the United Nations and national governments - gender-responsive?
- Is the United Nations prepared to further strengthen the gender-responsiveness of its evaluation systems?
- When requested to do so, how can the United Nations best engage with national governments and stakeholders to strengthen capacity for gender responsive evaluation systems?
- What have we learned from developing and implementing gender-responsive evaluation systems to date?

- Take stock of current gender-responsiveness of evaluation systems and propose a way forward
- In partnership with the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), EvalPartners and EvalGender+



- Normative frameworks, institutional systems and initiatives to strengthen individual capacities are in place
- The system-wide frameworks and guidance for gender-responsive evaluation provide a foundation for both guiding and harmonizing UN entities' initiatives in this area. However, at present, the systems in place for gender-responsive evaluation are less robust and inconsistent at the entity level
- The UN system is poised to capitalize on a number of opportunities to further strengthen gender-responsive evaluation



- Importance of integration of gender-responsive evaluation within NEPS has been highlighted
- Only a small minority of NEPSs include direct references to GEEW
- Trend towards greater inclusion of gender-responsive evaluation within Evaluation Associations
- Remarkable openness and engagement on gender-responsive evaluation by Parliamentarians Forums

- Strengthening gender-responsive evaluation systems critical to enhance capacity to achieve gender equality
- In recent years, significant efforts to strengthen capacities to demand for, supply and use of gender responsive evaluation to inform policy-making
- Increased attention in gender-responsive evaluation, coupled with a growing number of different actors working on this issue, is a welcome and needed change
- However, much more needs to be done if evaluation is to support the Beijing and post-2015 agendas

- Cross collaboration and learning on gender-responsive evaluation should be multi-fold
- Additional coordination and collaboration of efforts is needed to avoid unnecessary duplications and maximize potential impacts
- UN Women has a specific role in promoting and supporting gender-responsive evaluation within the UN system and among national evaluation systems