

BRIEFING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN-WOMEN COORDINATION MANDATE

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Coherence

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- Achieving UN coherence on gender equality is key in the context of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
- UN-Women is the result of Member States' resolve to achieve greater coherence
- In a recent QCPR survey Member States rated *gender equality* among the top two areas in which the contribution from the UN Development System is most significant

Four strategic outcomes of coordination

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UN Women's theory of change and strategic approach to its coordination mandate is built around the achievement of four key results, which are:

- Enhance UN coherence and joint action for gender equality and the empowerment of women at all levels
- Increase system-wide gender mainstreaming in the UN system
- Apply gender-related accountability frameworks across the system and
- Improve gender balance and the status of women in the UN

Joint Action

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- UN Joint Flagship Programmes
- More than 80 joint gender programmes are being implemented, with 61% of UNDAFs (compared to 48% in 2010) featuring gender-specific results
- Fully supports the UNDG global cost sharing modality for the RC system
- Mobilized the collective strength of the UN system for supporting the advancement of the normative agenda on gender equality – CSW’s Political Declaration, Agenda 2030, AAAA, COP21, Security Council resolutions on Women, Peace and Security

Gender Mainstreaming

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- Works actively within the Chief Executives Board for Coordination and its three pillars on issues related to the 2030 Agenda
- Chairs or co-chairs multiple inter-agency coordination mechanisms advancing gender equality in a range of work streams
- Published guidance on gender mainstreaming for the UN system
- Formulating new guidance on gender mainstreaming in humanitarian response

Accountability

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- Led the development and adoption of the UN-SWAP and continue to support its implementation by 62 UN entities and departments
- Significant progress has been made by the UN system across the performance areas
- Working on a new generation UN-SWAP for the period 2018-2022. It will seek to address actual contribution of UN entities to results, including through greater alignment with the SDGs

Representation of women

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- Continue to advocate for strengthened measures to improve the status of women (legislative mandates, policies, positive measures in staff selection)
- In 2014, the representation of women in the UN system was 42.6%
- To help the system move towards parity, UN-Women is investing – inter alia – on quantitative and qualitative data generation, collection and analysis and; on organizational culture initiatives