

Decision 2017/3 - Report on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, 2016

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The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the Report on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, 2016 and the programme of work and budget for 2017 of the Independent Evaluation Office;
2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by UN-Women and the progress achieved in systematic strengthening of the evaluation function, in leading system-wide gender-responsive evaluation efforts, and in fostering innovative partnerships for national evaluation capacity development;
3. *Emphasizes* that, in line with the UN-Women evaluation policy guiding principles, evaluations should be country-driven, impartial and independent, and that programme countries ownership and leadership be ensured in the evaluation of all forms of assistance, and requests UN-Women, in cooperation with other United Nations system organizations, to continue its efforts to facilitate the building of national evaluation capacities, where applicable;
4. *Reiterates* its request to UN-Women contained in decision 2016/3 to enhance the coverage of evaluations, the implementation rate of planned evaluations, financial resources invested in the evaluation function and the submission of management responses to Global Accountability and Tracking of Evaluation system and use evaluation recommendations in its work;
5. Requests UN-Women to continue the gender-responsive evaluations of country programmes in order to improve programming at country level;
6. *Recognizes* the importance of the evaluation function of UN-Women in providing high-quality, independent and impartial evaluations, and requests UN-Women to take into account the findings of its evaluations in the development of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021;
7. *Requests* UN-Women, in particular the Independent Evaluation Office, to continue leading United Nations system-wide gender-responsive evaluation efforts and innovative partnerships for national evaluation capacity development;
8. *Requests* UN-Women to further advance collaboration and joint evaluation work with other United Nations entities, especially United Nations funds and programmes;
9. *Encourages* UN-Women in particular the Independent Evaluation Office to continue its efforts to strengthen the quality and process of corporate and decentralized evaluations, while

respecting the independence of the Independent Evaluation Office of UN-Women, and to use the evaluations as learning and knowledge management tools to enhance future programmes;

10. *Takes note* of UN-Women's work in evaluating its performance in strategic partnership building for gender equality and the empowerment of women and encourages UN-Women to take into account lessons learned in the development of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021.