

**Remarks at the Second Regular session of the UN Women Executive Board by
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- Pleasure to be at the Executive Board at this crucial moment for the organization.
- The Deputy Executive Director – Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships is a new portfolio in UN Women **reflecting the organization’s maturity** and incorporating learnings from the past nine years.
- **Foremost is our focus on the sustainability of UN Women’s positive impact on the peoples and countries we serve.** Within UN Women, we underscore not only the **sustainability of financial resources but more importantly, the sustainability of human resources**, our most valued asset.
- As part of the **restructuring process**, we are looking at our overall sustainability as an institution and the impact we have. **We are only as good as our impact**, so the focus on results across all areas of our work is essential.
- The **context of UNDS reform**, particularly the revitalized RC system and the new Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, **offers substantial capacity for delivering improved results** on gender equality across the UN family. It also **places a significant responsibility on UN Women to ensure that this opportunity is realised.**
- On the revenue side, in 2018, **UN Women recorded the highest income and highest level of programme delivery since its inception**, demonstrating the organization’s growing operational capacity as well as our ability to deliver growth.
- **UN Women is extremely keen to partner with the Executive Board Members to improve the predictability, flexibility and alignment of financial resources** for the implementation of 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.

- In this connection, **the resource projections proposed for 2020-2021, though challenging to meet, are achievable and also crucial to deliver on our mandated activities.**
- We have had a **number of positive indications from our main donors with regard to increases** in particular in regular resources, and are also **making progress with regard to the private sector and individual donors** as part of ongoing efforts to deepen and diversify our partnerships.
- The **Structured Dialogue on Financing allows UN Women the opportunity to more regularly engage with Member States** on fully resourcing the results of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021, in alignment with QCPR and Executive Board mandates, as well as the Funding Compact.
- **2020 will be pivotal for UN Women and its mandate.** I take up my role at a time when more than ever UN Women must deliver results in particular for Beijing+25 and UNDS reform. I very much look forward to working with you all to ensure that happens.
- Thank You.