BRIEFING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN-WOMEN COORDINATION MANDATE

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

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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.
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

- 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

- 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

- 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
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