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CORPORATE EVALUATION ON UN WOMEN'S SUPPORT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES 2022-2025

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PURPOSE

Contribute to strategic decision-making, learning and accountability



Assess relevance, effectiveness, added value and adaptability



Identify modalities used to support intergovernmental processes



Review organizational arrangements to support intergovernmental work

SCOPE

Global

Regional



National

QUESTIONS

1

What were UN Women's **key contributions** to intergovernmental processes?

2

How does UN Women's organizational structure drive **coherence and alignment** in its support to intergovernmental processes across all levels?

3

How does UN Women **adapt its support** to intergovernmental processes to changing priorities, constraints, and opportunities within this space?

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY



153

people consulted

through key informant interviews and 3 online surveys targeting country, regional and liaison offices and global offices and Member States representatives



100+

documents reviewed

evaluations, strategic documents and reports



29

intergovernmental processes

supported by UN Women mapped

4 GLOBAL CASE REVIEWS

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) | High-Level Political Forum | Human Rights Council (HRC) | Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP)

3 REGIONAL CASE REVIEWS

the African Union, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean's Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and intergovernmental processes in the Europe and Central Asia region

FINDINGS

What were UN-Women's key contributions to intergovernmental processes?

1 **Technical and strategic advisory support, grounded in robust UN-Women evidence and data, contributed to effectively advance norms and strengthened the integration of gender perspectives in intergovernmental processes.**

2 UN-Women's convening role and multi-stakeholder engagement contributed to consensus outcomes and global commitments.

FINDINGS What were UN-Women's key contributions to intergovernmental processes?

3 UN-Women was perceived as effective and strategic in its collaboration with Member States, UN system and CSOs, which is central to intergovernmental support.

4 UN-Women's unique and authoritative normative mandate, reinforced through its support to global processes such as CSW and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action review, positioned it as a trusted and neutral broker in intergovernmental processes.

5 UN-Women applies an intersectional approach in intergovernmental support, but operationalization in language, capacity-building, and representation of marginalized groups remains uneven.

FINDINGS How does UN Women's organizational structure drive coherence and alignment?

6 Organizational changes and innovative coordination mechanisms strengthened internal alignment, though challenges persist in communication flows, coordinated planning, limited regular resources, and results-focused reporting.

7 Country programmes are designed to leverage intergovernmental processes and normative commitments, but translation into consistent country-level outcomes remains uneven across contexts.

FINDINGS How does UN Women adapt to changing priorities, constraints, and opportunities?

8 UN-Women adapted effectively to shifting political dynamics and growing backlash against long-standing commitments to gender equality, though stronger UN system coordination would further enhance these efforts.

9 Sustainability of intergovernmental support depends on predictable funding, deeper strategic partnerships, and stronger translation of global and regional frameworks into national-level action.

CONCLUSIONS

1

UN Women has successfully contributed to raising awareness, delivered technical support and strengthened collaboration among various stakeholders in intergovernmental processes by effectively using its unique normative role as leading global agreements such as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and as the substantive secretariat of the CSW, alongside its reputation as a trusted and knowledgeable broker.



2

UN Women's approach to partnerships was found to be comprehensive and valuable to support intergovernmental work. UN Women's multi-stakeholder approach has ensured that gender expertise and women's perspectives are integrated into diverse intergovernmental support processes.



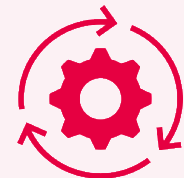
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During 2025, UN Women introduced a series of innovations to strengthen internal coordination towards a more integrated and cohesive approach. However, there is a need to improve under-leveraged reporting practices and connections between different offices providing intergovernmental support to maximize UN Women's offer in this area.



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The sustainability of UN Women's support to intergovernmental processes is characterized by effective adaptation and resilience in the face of growing backlash against longstanding commitments on gender equality and declining resources.



RECOMMENDATIONS



1

UN-Women should **lead an internal process to develop a strategy** for its support to intergovernmental processes that articulates a clear vision, defines roles and responsibilities, and includes the intergovernmental support offer at country, regional and global levels.



2

UN-Women should **strengthen its overall engagement with partners** (Member States, CSOs, United Nations system) by developing a systematic approach to its partnership ecosystem based on existing UN-Women political engagement strategies.

THANK YOU