



## EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION TRACKING TABLE FOR 2022

The following matrix keeps track of the implementation of specific and time-bound requests to UNFPA contained in Executive Board decisions. The decision-tracking matrix is revised on a regular basis to keep the information relevant and up-to-date.

The full text of the Decisions per Executive Board sessions is available by clicking on the decision. The full compendium of Decisions adopted by the Executive Board in 2021 can be found on the [UNFPA Executive Board Website](#).

The status of a decision is indicated as follows: **(1) GREEN** ● signifies (a) ‘completed’ (action has been completed or decision is no longer relevant) or (b) ‘ongoing’ (action in progress, if a recurring item); **(2) YELLOW** ● signifies an action is ‘partially completed’ (action in progress, with a due date, if relevant).

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<b>First Regular Session 2022 (Jan 31 – Feb 4)</b>						
<a href="#">2022/1 Reports of UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2020</a>	Recommendations of the Board of Auditors	Office of the Executive Director, Ethics Office	Para 1. Welcomes the unqualified audit opinions on UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2020;			No actions required
			Para 2. Recalls its decision 2021/1 and calls upon UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS to harmonize further their reporting formats on the implementation of the Board of Auditors recommendations, as appropriate, including, where possible, the time frames for their detailed reporting and the thematic categorization of recommendations into those that are priority, and any other priorities, and requests to work with UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP in that regard, as appropriate;	On-going	UNFPA led the process of harmonizing the reporting format and concluded the process in March 2022. The harmonized template is circulated with UNDP, UNOPS and UNCDF for use in the next reporting cycle.	Completed ●
			Para 3. Acknowledges the progress made by UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS in implementing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and supports the ongoing efforts of UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS management to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;			No actions required
			Para 4. Notes paragraphs 33-59 and Note 11 in the Board of Auditors report for 2020 (A/76/5/Add.11) relating to the UNOPS sustainable investments in infrastructure and innovation			No actions required

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			("S3i") initiative, and encourages UNOPS to continue to strengthen its risk assessments and risk management.			
<a href="#">2022/2 Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment</a>			Para 1. Welcomes the updates by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on actions to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment;			No actions required
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 2. Notes the progress made and the need for continued effort to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, including ensuring that the required actions implemented at country, regional and global levels are properly resourced and deliver impact;	On-going	UNFPA continues, in cooperation with UN and non-UN entities, its efforts through a range of actions detailed in its annual PSEAH action plan and based on the four pronged PSEAH Strategy.	Completed and ongoing 
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 3. Requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to take action to ensure a victim/survivor-centred, system-wide and coherent approach at the country, regional and global levels to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, while leveraging their respective mandates, including addressing, as needed, the increased risk of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment during the COVID-19 response and recovery;	On-going	Progress updates have been provided in advance of the 2022 Annual Session as required.  UNFPA's continued focus is to ensure a coherent victim-centred approach in all prevention and response efforts. To this end, UNFPA participates in all relevant fora, including the Office of the Special Coordinator on Improving the UN Response to SEA (OSCSEA), IASC, OECD/DAC the CEB Taskforce on SH and collaborates closely with the Office of the Victim Rights' Advocate. UNFPA has taken a number of immediate actions to address the increased risk of SEAH during COVID-19, including providing guidance and technical support for all country offices as well as targeted training and consultations with UNFPA PSEA focal points.	Completed and ongoing 
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 4. Further requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to undertake timely and thorough victim/survivor-centred investigations, and to ensure prompt reporting on allegations to Members	On-going	Updates will be provided as requested in the OAIS annual report and PSEAH progress update including submission of PSEAH action plan.	Completed and ongoing

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		Investigations Services (OAS)	States through existing mechanisms/channels, as well as dedicated resources to investigations of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and requests an update on how each organization is improving its organizational culture to address all forms of sexual harassment, and its actions to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in its policies, procedures, operations, and through improvement of organizational culture at headquarters, regional and country levels, at the annual session, starting in 2022, and asks that this includes analysis of their implementation of system-wide initiatives, including the Implementing Partners Protocol, the Implementing Partner Capacity Assessment and ClearCheck;		<p>UNFPA continues to undertake timely victim centred investigations. Investigations are undertaken by professional investigators trained and experienced in the conduct of sexual misconduct investigations.</p> <p>OAS has been incorporating in its annual report to the Executive Board a summary of all cases involving SEAH and SH that it has concluded during the year indicating the decisions or actions taken by Management, including whether the concerned individuals are put in the ClearCheck. OAS will continue to include in the next annual report additional information requested by the Board with due regard to privacy and confidentiality.</p>	
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAS)	Para 5. Requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue taking a long-term approach to preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, in line with their respective strategic plans;	On-going	<p>UNFPA's PSEAH strategy forms an integral part and contributes directly to the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. This four-pronged strategy has four key objectives a) to effectively prevent b) to respond promptly when instances occur c) to assist victims and survivors and d) to ensure that all measures are embedded in a robust institutional framework.</p> <p>OAS reassessed its modalities for dealing with SEAH and SH cases to provide a victim-centered approach in its investigation procedures as well as giving priority in investigating these cases. In addition, the Investigations Branch of OAS has participated in regional meetings and all staff meetings of country offices to inform them of how OAS is addressing</p>	<p>Completed and ongoing</p> 

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					these cases. OASIS has been working closely with the other members of the Integrity family of UNFPA under the leadership of the DED ( Management) to have a well-coordinated and long-term approach not only in responding to these complaints but in prevention and strengthening of relevant control and reporting mechanisms.	
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OASIS)	Para 6. Requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to ensure that leadership at all levels continue to be aware of their responsibilities in protecting against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and that staff with specific protection of sexual exploitation and abuse duties participate in inter-agency coordination mechanisms, as appropriate, and that all relevant staff are provided with appropriate role - specific training to support culture change;	On-going	UNFPA has several mechanisms to monitor progress and ensure uniformed implementation at all levels. These include but are not limited to the annual management compliance programme as well as dedicated PSEAH indicators which are mandatory for all UNFPA business units. Regular dedicated training is provided to staff tasked with carrying out PSEAH activities.	Completed and ongoing 
	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OASIS)	Para 7. Commends UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS for the development of their respective strategies and annual submission to the United Nations Secretary-General of action plans on preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse that are implemented at headquarters, regional and country levels, and requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to share headquarters-level action plans with the Executive Board annually;	Annually	UNFPA's PSEAH action plan has been shared with the Executive Board in advance of the 2022 Annual Session.	Completed and ongoing 

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	Ethics	Office of the Executive Director, Office of Audit and Investigations Services (OAIS)	Para 8. Requests an update from UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, at the first regular session of the Executive Board 2023, on metrics used to measure progress on tackling sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment and how integrated results and resources framework indicators on sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment have aligned with relevant quadrennial comprehensive policy review indicators and those of other United Nations development system agencies and ensure that data obtained, including on allegations, using these metrics and indicators and subsequent analysis, systematically inform strategies, policies and procedures.	First regular session 2023	The update will be provided at the first regular session of the Executive Board 2023.	In Progress 
<a href="#">2022/4 UNFPA evaluation</a>			Para 1. Welcomes the relevance and utility of the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan for 2022-2025;			No actions required
	Evaluation	Evaluation Office	Para 2. Reaffirms the importance of evaluation as an essential tool for learning and accountability, and requests UNFPA to continue to ensure that adequate resources are provided for evaluation, in compliance with the evaluation policy, as endorsed in decision 2019/1 approving the UNFPA evaluation policy (DP/FPA/2019/1), and in keeping with expectations set out in the UNFPA integrated budget, 2022-2025 (DP/FPA/2021/9);	On-going	UNFPA has provided additional resources for the evaluation function in its Integrated Budget 2022-2025 proposal which was approved by the Executive Board.  UNFPA's commitment to provide sufficient resources for the evaluation function is reflected in the steady increase in investments over the years. Even in times of financial challenges and reductions in income during the 2014- 2017 and 2018-2021 cycle, UNFPA safeguarded the budgets for the two independent functions and did not reduce their allocations, unlike for other parts of the organization. This is evidenced by an increase of over 308% in the Evaluation Office (from \$4.2 million in 2010 to \$17.2 million for 2022-2025).	In Progress 

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					<p>In addition, the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan (QBEP) 2022-2025 includes funding for all planned centralized and decentralized evaluations. UNFPA has further strengthened the financial ring-fencing mechanism to support the implementation of regional and country programme evaluations.</p> <p>In relative terms, the 2021 expenditure on evaluation represents 0.83 per cent of the total UNFPA programme expenditure. Similar to 2020, the evaluation function expenditure in 2021 was lower than what was originally budgeted due to the COVID-19 induced travel restrictions for in-country data collection and evaluation capacity-development initiatives. Nonetheless, the actual expenditures grew by 5.5 per cent, from \$8.5 million to \$9.03 million. Overall, without the COVID-19 related reduction, the budgeted original allocation for the evaluation function (at central and decentralized levels) was \$9.48 million, representing 0.87 per cent of the total UNFPA programme expenses for 2021. Although this still falls short of the Evaluation Policy target of 1.4 per cent to 3 per cent against the overall UNFPA programme expenses, the regular resources expenditure of the evaluation function (including net institutional budget) was \$5.2 million, representing 2.0 per cent of the UNFPA regular resources programme expenses, which is within the bounds of the target established in the evaluation policy.</p> <p>The economies of scale are important to be highlighted: As the organization grows, the proportion of spending on evaluation will</p>	

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					conversely decrease, even with nominal growth and additional investments.	
			Para 3. Acknowledges the transparent and participatory process undertaken in developing the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan for 2022-2025;			No actions required
	Evaluation	Evaluation Office	Para 4. Requests UNFPA to continue to extend the importance attributed to inter-agency collaboration in the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 (DP/FPA/2021/8) to all evaluations of programmes and projects that include partnerships with other United Nations entities;	On-going	UNFPA continues to be fully engaged in contributing to system-wide evaluation mechanisms through actively involved in joint and system-wide evaluations. For instance, UNFPA continued to significantly exceed the commitment to collaborate in at least one joint or system-wide evaluation, with 57 percent (8 out of 14) of centralized evaluations being either joint or system-wide. Going forward, 58 per cent of the proposed evaluations in the next four years will either be joint or system-wide exercises.	Completed and ongoing 
<b>Annual Session 2022 (June 6 – June 10)</b>						
<a href="#">2022/11 Annual Report of the Executive Director</a>			Para 1. Takes note of the documents that make up the report of the Executive Director for 2021: DP/FPA/2022/4 (Part I, Part I/Add.1 and Part II);			No actions required
			Para 2. Notes with appreciation the progress made by UNFPA in achieving the results and the end-of-plan targets of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2018-2021;			No actions required
	Annual Report and Strategic Plan	Policy and Strategy Division	Para 3. Notes the baselines and targets set out in the Integrated Results and Resources Framework, 2022-2025, and encourages continued commitment to results-driven programmes, agile and effective operations, and multistakeholder partnerships that can accelerate progress towards realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;	On-going	UNFPA continues its commitment to results-based programming, including through capacity development, quality assurance, and adaptive management and UNFPA is strengthening its multi-stakeholder partnerships by further harnessing the innovation ecosystem, enabling youth and women as change agents, South-South and triangular cooperation, and partnering with non-traditional partners.	In Progress 
	Annual Report and Strategic Plan	Policy and Strategy Division, Division for management services, Division of	Para 4. Recalls its decisions 2021/9, paragraph 4, and 2021/17, paragraph 6, and requests UNFPA to continue to include in the annual reports of the Executive Director on the implementation of the strategic plan,	Annual reports 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	UNFPA commits to reflect results achieved jointly with UN development entities in its reporting as requested.	In Progress 

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		Communications and Strategic Partnerships, Technical Division	2022-2025, including in its midterm review, information on results jointly achieved with United Nations development system entities, identified through common and complementary indicators.			
<a href="#">2022/12 UNFPA evaluation</a>	Evaluation		Para 1. Takes note of the report on the evaluation function (DP/FPA/2022/5), and of the programme of work and budget of the Evaluation Office in 2022;			No actions required
			Para 2. Welcomes the achievements across the evaluation performance indicators and the continued adaptability and responsiveness of the evaluation function in the face of the COVID-19 crisis;			No actions required
			Para 3. Also welcomes the achievements in contributing to United Nations system-wide evaluation efforts, and in fostering national evaluation capacity development;			No actions required
		Policy and Strategy Division, Division for Management Services	Para 4. Encourages UNFPA to continue to increase investments in the evaluation function.	Ongoing	<p>UNFPA remains fully committed to ensuring a robust evaluation function.</p> <p>UNFPA has provided additional resources for the evaluation function in its Integrated Budget 2022-2025 proposal which was approved by the Executive Board.</p> <p>UNFPA's commitment to provide sufficient resources for the evaluation function is reflected in the steady increase in investments over the years. Even in times of financial challenges and reductions in income during the 2014- 2017 and 2018-2021 cycle, UNFPA safeguarded the budgets for the two independent functions and did not reduce their allocations, unlike for other parts of the organization. This is evidenced by an increase of over 308% in the Evaluation Office (from \$4.2 million in 2010 to \$17.2 million for 2022-2025).</p> <p>In addition, the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan (QBEP) 2022-2025 includes funding for all planned centralized and decentralized evaluations. UNFPA has further strengthened the financial ring-fencing mechanism to support the</p>	In Progress 

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					<p>implementation of regional and country programme evaluations.</p> <p>In relative terms, the 2021 expenditure on evaluation represents 0.83 per cent of the total UNFPA programme expenditure. Similar to 2020, the evaluation function expenditure in 2021 was lower than what was originally budgeted due to the COVID-19 induced travel restrictions for in-country data collection and evaluation capacity-development initiatives. Nonetheless, the actual expenditures grew by 5.5 per cent, from \$8.5 million to \$9.03 million. Overall, without the COVID-19 related reduction, the budgeted original allocation for the evaluation function (at central and decentralized levels) was \$9.48 million, representing 0.87 per cent of the total UNFPA programme expenses for 2021. Although this still falls short of the Evaluation Policy target of 1.4 per cent to 3 per cent against the overall UNFPA programme expenses, the regular resources expenditure of the evaluation function (including net institutional budget) was \$5.2 million, representing 2.0 per cent of the UNFPA regular resources programme expenses, which is within the bounds of the target established in the evaluation policy.</p> <p>The economies of scale are important to be highlighted: As the organization grows, the proportion of spending on evaluation will conversely decrease, even with nominal growth and additional investments.</p>	
<a href="#">2022/14 Repositioning of the United Nations</a>	UN reform	Policy and Strategy Division	Para 1. <i>Takes notes</i> of the updates provided by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 and related mandates on the	Ongoing	UNFPA will provide an update to the Executive Board, within existing reporting, at its annual session 2023.	In Progress 

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<a href="#">development system</a>			repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and requests that UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS provide future updates in a concise, clear and relevant manner within existing reporting;			
			Para 2. <i>Urges</i> UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to implement General Assembly resolutions 72/279, 75/233 and 76/4 and to support the efforts of the Secretary-General in implementing related mandates;	Ongoing	UNFPA is committed to implanting these resolutions and to supporting the Secretary-General in this regard. UNFPA will provide an update to the Executive Board, within existing reporting mechanisms, at its annual session 2023.	In Progress 
			Para 3. <i>Welcomes</i> the partnerships with the international financial institutions, and decides to include an update on UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS engagement with the international financial institutions as a standalone item on the agenda of the first regular session 2023;			No actions required
			Para 4. <i>Welcomes</i> UNDP and UNFPA progress in aligning country programme documents to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, and urges UNDP and UNFPA to continue to seek confirmation from the resident coordinators of the alignment of the country programmes with the Cooperation Frameworks;	Ongoing	UNFPA continues to require written confirmation from resident coordinators that UNFPA's country programmes are aligned with -and derived from - Cooperation Frameworks, before submitting for endorsement by the Executive Board.	Completed and ongoing 
			Para 5. <i>Stresses</i> the importance of integrated solutions, including enhanced cooperation, collaboration and coordination across humanitarian, development and peacebuilding operations of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to address the complex, multifaceted challenges impacting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and requests	Ongoing	An update on UNFPA's collaboration in joint analysis, needs assessments, planning for enhanced coordination across humanitarian, development and peace operations will be included within the annex to the Annual Report of the Executive Director, on the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR).	In Progress 

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			that UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS update the Executive Board on how they are collaborating in joint analysis, needs assessments, planning, including collective outcomes, and programme delivery;			
			Para 6. <i>Requests</i> that UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS provide the Executive Board with an update on the implementation of the management and accountability framework, including the contributions of heads of agencies at country level and regional representatives to the implementation of United Nations development system reform;	Ongoing	UNFPA will continue to provide an update to the Executive Board on the implementation of the Management and Accountability Framework, within existing reporting mechanisms, including through the UNDS Reform information note presented to the Executive Board at its annual sessions.	In Progress 
			Para 7. <i>Requests</i> that UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS provide the Executive Board with information and data on their respective efforts to realize efficiency gains through their contributions to system-wide coherence, collaboration and harmonization, and stresses the need to continue to realize efficiency gains, as stated in operational paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 72/279.	Ongoing	UNFPA will continue to implement the efficiency agenda as a part of the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2022-2025. In this regard, efficiency reporting will be integrated into Strategic Plan reporting. UNFPA will complement its efficiency reporting through its Strategic Plan, by providing additional information and data in the UNDS Reform information note presented to the Executive Board at its annual sessions.  UNFPA remains fully committed to improve organizational effectiveness and efficiency within the framework of the Business Operations Strategy (BOS), Local Shared Service Centers (LSSCs), Global Shared Services (GSSs), Common Premises (CP) and bilateral agreements forming operational collaboration within the United Nations system.  During 2019-2021, UNFPA realized operational efficiency gains of \$24.2	In Progress 

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					million. This included \$19.5 million from UNFPA-specific initiatives and \$4.7 million from bilateral initiatives with partner United Nations Organizations. Estimated cost avoidance from BOS initiatives accumulated to \$7 million per year for the current BOS cycle for UNFPA field offices. UNFPA also maintains its interest in collocating its offices with other UN entities, where possible. As at the end of 2021, 72% of UNFPA offices were located in common premises.	
<a href="#">2022/15 Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigations, and management responses</a>	Internal Audit and Investigation		Para 1. <i>Welcomes</i> the progress of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS in addressing audit-related management issues in 2021;			No actions required
			Para 2. <i>Notes with appreciation</i> efforts to implement outstanding audit recommendations from previous reports;			No actions required
			Para 3. <i>Reiterates</i> the importance of the provision of sufficient resources for audit and investigation functions;			No actions required
	Internal Audit and Investigation	Office of Audit and Investigation Services	Para 4. <i>Requests</i> that the Executive Board receive more regular closed briefings from the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), the UNFPA Office of Audit and Investigation Services (OAIS) and the UNOPS Internal Audit and Investigations Group (IAIG), in a timely manner and throughout the year, as needed, on potential red flags, audit findings and the status of investigations;	On-going	OAIS remains fully committed to participate in more regular closed briefings of the Executive Board throughout the year, and as needed.	In Progress 
	Internal Audit and Investigation	Office of Audit and Investigation Services	Para 5. <i>Requests</i> the Directors of the OAI, OAIS and IAIG to provide at the second regular session 2022 their comprehensive assessments on the independence of each office, containing reflections on (but not limited to) the degree to which each respective office can determine freely: (a) how and when to report to	Second regular session 2022	The comprehensive assessments on the independence of OAIS conducted by the Directors will be presented at the second regular session of the Board for 2022.	In Progress 

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			and brief the Executive Board; (b) the scope of audits and investigations; (c) what and who to audit or investigate; (d) what assessments to make; (e) how to utilize available funds; and (f) its relationship with the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS); and requests them to also provide suggestions and pathways on how to further strengthen the independence of each respective office as well as their budget estimates required for the execution of the full mandate;			
		Office of Audit and Investigation Services	Para 6. <i>Decides</i> to include an item on internal controls for decision at the second regular session 2022;	Second regular session 2022	Based on further guidance provided by the Bureau that this decision refers to the submission by the three offices of suggestions and pathways to further strengthen their independence, OAI has included its suggestions and pathways in its report on the assessment of the independence of the UNFPA Office of Audit and Investigation Services that will be presented at the 2022 second regular session of the Board.	In Progress 
	Internal Audit and Investigation		Para 7. <i>Takes note</i> of the annual report of the Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) on internal audit and investigation activities in 2021 (DP/2022/15), which has been harmonized with those of other United Nations agencies, in line with Executive Board decision 2020/10, and its annexes and the management response thereto;			No actions required
			Para 8. <i>Expresses</i> continuing support for the internal audit and investigation functions of UNDP;			No actions required
			Para 9. <i>Takes note</i> of the annual report of the Audit and Evaluation Advisory Committee, which should be reviewed as a separate document within the framework of this report;			No actions required
			Para 10. <i>Requests</i> that an independent evaluation of the OAI be undertaken to confirm that its resourcing, capacity and capability are appropriate to meet its workload under the newly strengthened fiduciary system in a timely and comprehensive manner;			No actions required
			Para 11. <i>Takes note</i> of (a) the report of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services (OAI) on UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities in 2021 (DP/FPA/2022/6), harmonized with those of other funds and programmes, in line with Executive Board decision 2020/10; (b) the opinion of OAI on the adequacy and effectiveness of the UNFPA framework of governance, risk management			No actions required

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			and control; (c) the annual report of the Oversight Advisory Committee (DP/FPA/2022/6/Add.1), and (d) the management response to these two reports;			
			Para 12. <i>Expresses</i> continuing support for the strategic initiatives OAIS has started to embark on to improve its efficiency and effectiveness so it can better carry out its mandate;			No actions required
			Para 13. <i>Takes note</i> of the annual report of the Internal Audit and Investigations Group (IAIG) for 2021 (DP/OPS/2022/3) and the management response;			No actions required
			Para 14. <i>Reaffirms</i> the need to ensure the full independence of the UNOPS internal audit and investigation mechanisms;			No actions required
			Para 15. <i>Takes note</i> of the annual report of the Audit Advisory Committee for 2021, in line with Executive Board decision 2008/37, and supports the recommendation that IAIG should maintain a clear delineation between internal oversight and advisory activities;			No actions required
			Para 16. <i>Requests</i> the Director of IAIG to provide an update to the Executive Board on the status of investigations related to S3i irregularities at the second regular session 2022, or at an earlier date, as needed.			No actions required
<a href="#">2022/16 Reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS</a>	Ethics		Para 1. <i>Takes note</i> of the reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS (DP/2022/16; DP/FPA/2022/7; DP/OPS/2022/4);			No actions required
			Para 2. <i>Takes note</i> of the continuously growing caseload of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS ethics offices and, concerned about their limited capacities, requests to ensure their respective ethics offices can adequately execute their mandates;			No actions required
		Ethics Office	Para 3. <i>Requests</i> the respective ethics offices to report on greater collaboration opportunities on field missions, on training and on outreach as well as on shared ethics-related guidance in their annual reports;	On-going	The Ethics Panel of the United Nations has scheduled a standing item on collaboration opportunities.	Completed and ongoing 
		Ethics Office	Para 4. <i>Requests</i> the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to maintain and strengthen their independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 60/248 and 60/254, and encourages direct and independent communication with the Executive Board, as needed, through reports or briefings, in particular on concerns related to whistle-blower protection against retaliation issues;	On-going	UNFPA Ethics remains committed to ensuring its independence in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 60/248 and 60/254, and to report independently to the Executive Board, as needed, in particular on concerns related to whistle-blower protection against retaliation issues.	Completed and ongoing 
	Ethics		Para 5. <i>Notes</i> the progress made by the UNDP Ethics Office in strengthening the ethical culture of UNDP;			No actions required

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			Para 6. <i>Welcomes</i> the continued progress in the work of the UNFPA Ethics Office;			No actions required
			Para 7. <i>Reaffirms</i> the need of the full independence of the UNOPS ethics function, and requests an independent review of the ethics function to ensure the independence and impartiality of the work;			No actions required
			Para 8. <i>Urges</i> the Director of the UNOPS Ethics and Compliance Office to demonstrate and assure the Board of its full functionality and independence;			No actions required
			Para 9. <i>Urges</i> UNOPS to ensure that a strong whistle-blower function and protection against retaliation system is in place to ensure the protection of individuals that report wrongdoings and risks related to weaknesses within the UNOPS management and control systems, and requests UNOPS to finalize and publish an updated whistle-blower policy, to be presented to the Executive Board at the second regular session 2022;			No actions required
			Para 10. <i>Requests</i> UNOPS to update and make public its ethics website and to provide all information in an easy-to-access format for all UNOPS employees;			No actions required
			Para 11. <i>Requests</i> the Director of the UNOPS Ethics and Compliance Office to report at the second regular session 2022 on the constitution of the office and the actions taken to strengthen the independence of the Office and whistle-blower protections.			No actions required