

Agenda item 13. Evaluation (UNFPA)

Revised UNFPA evaluation policy

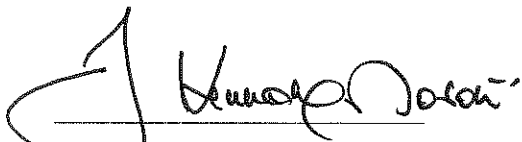
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The Executive Board


1. *Recalls* decision 2012/26 on the biennial report on evaluation and the review of the UNFPA evaluation policy;
2. *Recognizes* that the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development (A/RES/67/226) contains key principles with regard to evaluation, which are applicable for all funds and programmes, including UNFPA;
3. *Welcomes* the consultative and inclusive process that UNFPA management utilized in developing the new evaluation policy with significant input from Member States and experts;
4. *Approves* the revised UNFPA evaluation policy (DP/FPA/2013/5);
5. *Welcomes* the creation of an independent UNFPA Evaluation Office with a direct reporting line to the Executive Board, assuming the roles and responsibilities as set out in the revised evaluation policy;
6. *Recognizes* that strengthened accountability, increased institutional learning and better evidence-based decision-making are three equally important purposes of evaluation, and *emphasizes* the role of evaluation in contributing to more effective programming;
7. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the steps taken by UNFPA to ensure an independent, credible and useful evaluation function;
8. *Requests* UNFPA to ensure compliance with the evaluation policy at all levels of the Fund through the establishment of appropriate mechanisms for its implementation, including adequate regional evaluation support and increased capacities in the field of evaluation;
9. *Requests* that UNFPA allocate sufficient human and financial resources to the Evaluation Office and the overall evaluation function when presenting the integrated budget at the second regular session 2013, while at the same time encouraging the Fund to preserve, to the extent possible, resources available for programmes;
10. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNFPA, when appointing, renewing and/or dismissing the Director of the Evaluation Office, to consult with the Executive Board in line with the standards of the United Nations Evaluation Group;
11. *Requests* the UNFPA Evaluation Office to include in its annual report, to be presented to the Executive Board at its annual session every year, information on evaluation activities and results as well as on the status of the implementation of the revised evaluation policy and biennial evaluation plan;
12. *Requests* the UNFPA Evaluation Office to present the biennial budgeted evaluation plan for approval at the second regular session of the Executive Board beginning 2013;

13. *Requests* UNFPA that any review of the evaluation policy focus not only on the policy itself but also on its implementation.

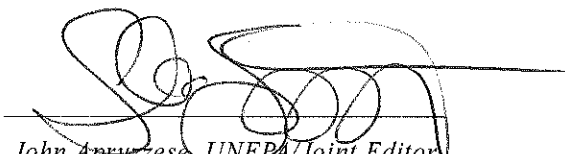
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