



Transition to UN Women

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UN General Assembly resolution adopted 2 July 2010 (A/RES/64/589):

- deciding to establish United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to be known as UN Women
- by consolidating and transferring the existing mandates and functions, assets and liabilities of UNIFEM, OSAGI, DAW and INSTRAW
- headed by an Under-Secretary-General
- to be fully operational by 1 January 2011
- a new Executive Board, to oversee the operational activities, will be established, comprising of 41 members
- election of members to the Executive Board in October, constitutional meeting in November, and the first regular meeting in January 2011

Functions to be performed by UN Women

- Provide substantive support to UN bodies (Commission on the Status on Women, Economic and Social Council, General Assembly and Security Council).
- Support national efforts to promote and enhance gender equality and women's empowerment through innovative and catalytic country-driven programming.
- Undertake global regional and national advocacy efforts on issues critical to gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Support Member States in implementing and monitoring the 12 critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcome document of the 23rd special session of the GA, SC res 1325 and 1820 and other resolutions, as well as CEDAW.
- Undertake new, and consolidate existing, research and analytical work to support overall objectives, and act as a hub/centre of knowledge and experience on gender equality and women's empowerment from all parts of the UN system.

Functions, continued:

- Lead and coordinate UN system strategies, policies and actions on gender equality and women's empowerment to promote effective system-wide gender mainstreaming.
- Strengthen the accountability of the UN system, including through oversight, monitoring and reporting on system-wide performance on gender equality.
- Monitor and report on system-wide compliance with intergovernmental mandates on gender balance including at the senior and decision-making levels .

Management structure for UN Women during Transition

- Senior Management Team: Lead by Ms. Bachelet, Executive Director UN Women and USG, with the Heads of the 4 entities
- Steering Committee: Lead by the Special Adviser to the DSG, with working level of the SMT, and the Transition Team
- Transition Team: Special Adviser of the DSG (USG on arrival), with core staff (i.e., staff seconded from UNIFEM. OSAGI, DAW and INSTRAW), as well as other requested expertise
- Transition Task Teams: Working groups of staff from the 4 entities on various transition issues (incl. strategic partnership and resource mobilization, communications, human resources and operations)

Budget proposal

- The budget proposal for total funding will include USD 500 million, annually, by 2011.
- The budget proposal will be discussed by the UN General Assembly this fall.
- The budget for voluntary contributions (i.e., for operational activities) will be considered by the new Executive Board.