IEOAC observations and advice

56th Meeting of the UNAIDS PCB June 2025



IEOAC in 2024-2025

IEOAC Annual report: 1 June 2024 - 31 May 2025

Three meetings over seven days

Each area in IEOAC's Terms of Reference addressed

Other related issues also examined:

- Review of operating model
- Organizational restructuring
- Updates on human resources
- Information security
- New enterprise resource planning system (BMS)



The rapidly changing environment

Challenges to the financing of UNAIDS

Importance of aligning multiple strategic exercises to manage strategic and operational risks:

- Global AIDS Strategy
- Recommendation of the High-Level Panel
- Restructuring of the Secretariat
- UN reform (UN80)



Financial reports and statement of internal controls

Clean external audit opinion on financial statements for 2024

Efforts by Management to address funding gap

Management's proposal to use a portion of the operating reserve fund in 2026



Enterprise risk management

Active engagement of Cabinet in risk management

Strengthening monitoring of risks:

- Definition of UNAIDS's risk appetite
- Provision to escalate risks at adequate level
- Identification of owners of top risks
- Clear due dates for implementing mitigating actions



Office of Internal Oversight Services (WHO/IOS)

Closely monitor evolving risks and, if needed, modify annual audit plan

Progress made in reducing backlog of pending audit recommendations, but additional work needed

Importance of concluding long-outstanding investigations, and adhering to agreed timelines for concluding investigations (especially for SEAH and retaliation)



Follow-up on external and internal oversight recommendations

Review of implementation of external and internal oversight recommendations undertaken

Prioritize participation to JIU engagements that are most relevant to UNAIDS



Secretariat restructuring

Commend work done by the High-Level Panel

Expectation that restructuring would be based a on mapping of needed skills and competencies



UBRAF performance monitoring

Future performance monitoring may be affected by funding constraints

Ethics function

Note of annual report of the Ethics Officer



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IEOAC Self-assessment 2025 results

New IEOAC members

Proposed change to Terms of Reference: moving from 2-year terms to 3-year terms



Thank you