2018 constitutes the first year of reporting against UN-SWAP 2.0, an expanded and enhanced framework with 4 new indicators and 4 strengthened indicators.

As such, the 2018 performance establishes a new benchmark for the years to follow.

In 2018, ESCWA "exceeded" requirements for 15 out of 16 relevant UN-SWAP 2.0 indicators.

Most significant gains
Impressively, in 2018 ESCWA "exceeded" requirements for:

- All of the newly introduced indicators: PI1 on Strategic Planning Gender-related SDG Results; PI2 on Reporting on Gender-related SDG Results and PI7 on Leadership
- The newly strengthened PI4 on Evaluation, PI5 on Audit, PI13 on Organizational Culture and PI17 on Coherence

Area for improvement
UN Women encourages ESCWA to focus on the area that rated as "approaching" requirements: PI12 on Equal Representation of Women.

Comparative Performance 2017-2018, indicators carried over from UN-SWAP 1.0: ESCWA

Between 2017 and 2018, ESCWA maintained its performance for all 7 indicators that were carried over from UN-SWAP 1.0.
2018 Comparative Performance by Entity Type: ESCWA

Aggregate performance in 'meets/exceeds' requirements ratings

- ESCWA "met" or "exceeded" requirements for 94% of indicators (15 out of 16 relevant indicators), outperforming both the average performance for Secretariat entities and the overall UN system.
- In addition, ESCWA did not "miss" requirements for any indicators. The Secretariat entities and overall UN system "missed" requirements for 6% and 8% of the indicators, respectively.

Highlights from new UN-SWAP 2.0 Indicators

**Strategic Planning Gender-related SDG Results (PI1)**

This new indicator captures high-level results on gender equality and the empowerment of women, as reflected in the main strategic planning documents, which contribute to meeting SDG targets.

**ESCWA "exceeded" the requirements for this indicator.** To maintain this rating, ESCWA's main strategic planning document must continue to include a high-level result on gender equality, and demonstrate that this result has been achieved.

**Leadership (PI7)**

This new indicator focuses on ways in which senior managers can directly promote gender equality and the empowerment of women.

**ESCWA "exceeded" the requirements for this indicator.** To maintain this rating, senior managers must continue to proactively promote improvements in UN-SWAP 2.0 Performance Indicators.