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## UNEG Guidance Document: Integrating Human Rights and Gender Equality Perspectives in UN evaluations

The UNEG Human Rights and Gender Equality (HR & GE) Task Force is developing a guidance document and field handbook for evaluators to help strengthen the HR&GE perspective in the management and conduct of evaluations.

The guidance has been developed in line with a General Assembly resolution that encourages UNEG to make further progress in a system-wide collaboration on evaluation, particularly the harmonization and simplification of methodologies, norms, standards and cycles of evaluation.

The guidance document is not prescriptive; rather, it highlights key aspects to consider and contains practical guidance on how to address human rights and gender equality issues in evaluations, building upon the existing framework provided by the UNEG Norms and Standards and other sources including civil society organizations and multilateral and bilateral institutions. It addresses identified gaps in existing guidance and showcases rigorous and tested methodologies.

The guidance is designed to cover the many different types of evaluations that are undertaken across the UN system. It includes:

- A summary of the concepts, principles and definitions of human rights and gender equality and their implications for evaluation,
- Advice on integrating a human rights based approach and gender equality perspective into evaluation planning and design,
- Advice on conducting evaluations that incorporate human rights and gender equality perspectives, and
- Suggestions concerning the dissemination and use of findings and recommendations.

The handbook currently in development will translate this guidance into a practical guide for use in the field. It will include checklists and key issues that should be considered in assessing aspects of human rights and gender equality.

The guidance document and the handbook are expected to be released in 2010 and will be publicly available on the UNEG website.

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