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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation

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Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee on the evaluation of United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development provided by programme 9 through the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Department of Global Communications

1. At its 14th meeting, on 22 May 2024, the Committee considered the report of OIOS on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its sixty-first session on the evaluation of United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development provided by programme 9 through the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Department of Global Communications ([E/AC.51/2024/3](#)).

Discussion

2. Delegations expressed thanks to OIOS for the triennial review, noting the commitment of the Office of the Special Adviser to reforming its programme and implementing the recommendations, with a delegation specifically observing that the Office was much more strategic and coherent as a result. Another delegation noted that OIOS had found improvements in programme delivery as a result of reform and that the implementation of its recommendations was satisfactory. With regard to recommendation 1, the delegation requested an update from the Office of the Special Adviser on the OIOS indication that reporting lines should be established to facilitate the delivery of whole-of-programme strategy and ensure accountability.



3. A delegation, referring to recommendation 4, commended the Office of the Special Adviser on its significant efforts to strengthen its data function and use data to underpin its advocacy, communication and monitoring functions. The delegation asked about challenges to meeting that commitment.

4. Another delegation sought clarification on the identities of the outside partners mentioned in paragraph 32 of the report, asking whether African ambassadors in New York had been involved in the meetings.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. **The Committee welcomed the results of the triennial review and commended the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Department of Global Communications for their timely implementation of recommendations and the resulting enhancement of programme delivery.**

6. **The Committee welcomed the increased level of coordination between the three subprogrammes. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly ensure that the head of the programme had all the instruments required to ensure the integrated management of the programme, in line with the role of programme managers, and also recommended that the Assembly encourage the Secretary-General to advance coordination between the Department of Global Communications, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Office of the Special Adviser for Africa and strengthen the capacity of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to manage the resources and programme of work of the three subprogrammes that were part of programme 9.**

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of OIOS and expressed its appreciation to OIOS for the review.**

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to improve coordination between the African Group of Ambassadors in New York and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa through the establishment of a systematic reporting mechanism from the Office to the Secretary-General, following regular meetings between the Special Adviser and the Group, in order to strengthen synergies and coherence between the United Nations and the African Union, in view of the entry into force of the second 10-year implementation plan (2024–2033) of Agenda 2063.**

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure coherence between Agenda 2063 and the resources made available to the Office of the Special Adviser and the other operational structures (the Department of Global Communications and the Economic Commission for Africa) deployed by the United Nations in support of Agenda 2063.**