



Presentation to the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP

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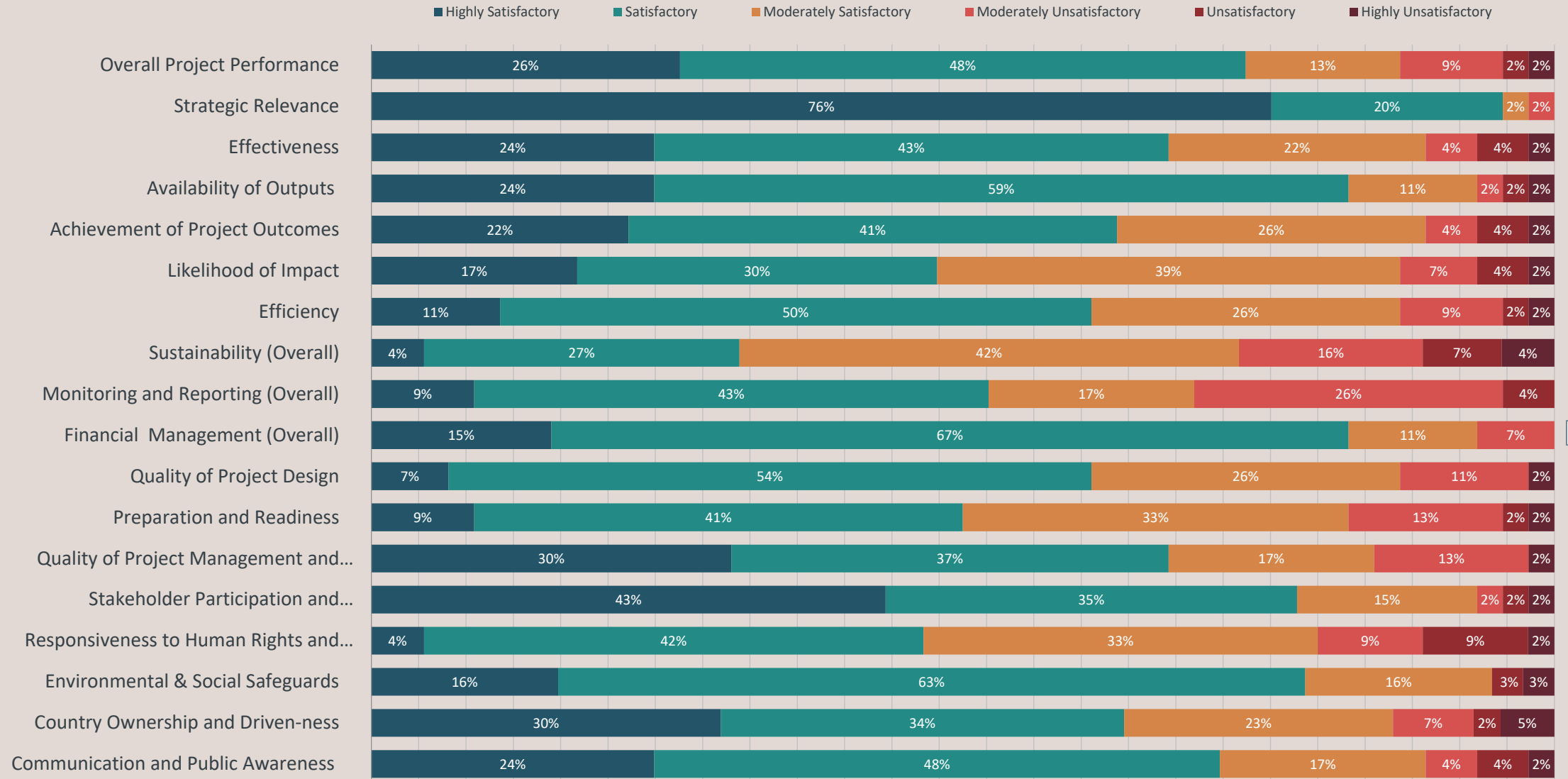
- **Independent Office** – The independence of the Evaluation Office derives from the fact that the Head of Evaluation reports directly to the Executive Director (*i.e. there is no common line management between the Evaluation Office and the work that it evaluates, as UNEP projects and programmes report through Divisions to the DED*)
- Produces **high-quality evaluation reports** that are **not** subject to any management approval before their release
- All UNEP evaluation reports are **publicly disclosed** - available on [WeDocs](#).
- All evaluation reports **require a formal management response**
- All evaluation recommendations are subject to a **compliance assessment process**
- The Evaluation Office **regularly reports to the CPR**

- **Evaluation Policy**: first approved in 2009, revised in 2016 fully updated in 2022
- **Mandate**: all projects, programmes, policies and initiatives under the scope of the Programme of Work / Medium Term Strategy. Conforms to all rules and regulations set out in formal UN documents e.g. ST/SGB/2018/3 and ST/AI/2021/3. In UNEP, **only the Evaluation Office has the mandate to carry out evaluations.**
- **Ascribes to the UN Evaluation Group (UNEG) Norms and Standards for evaluation:**
The UNEG has set out important evaluation principles norms and standards including:
 - **Utility**
 - **Credibility**
 - **Independence**
 - **Ethics**
 - **Transparency**
 - **Professionalism**
 - **Human Rights and GE**

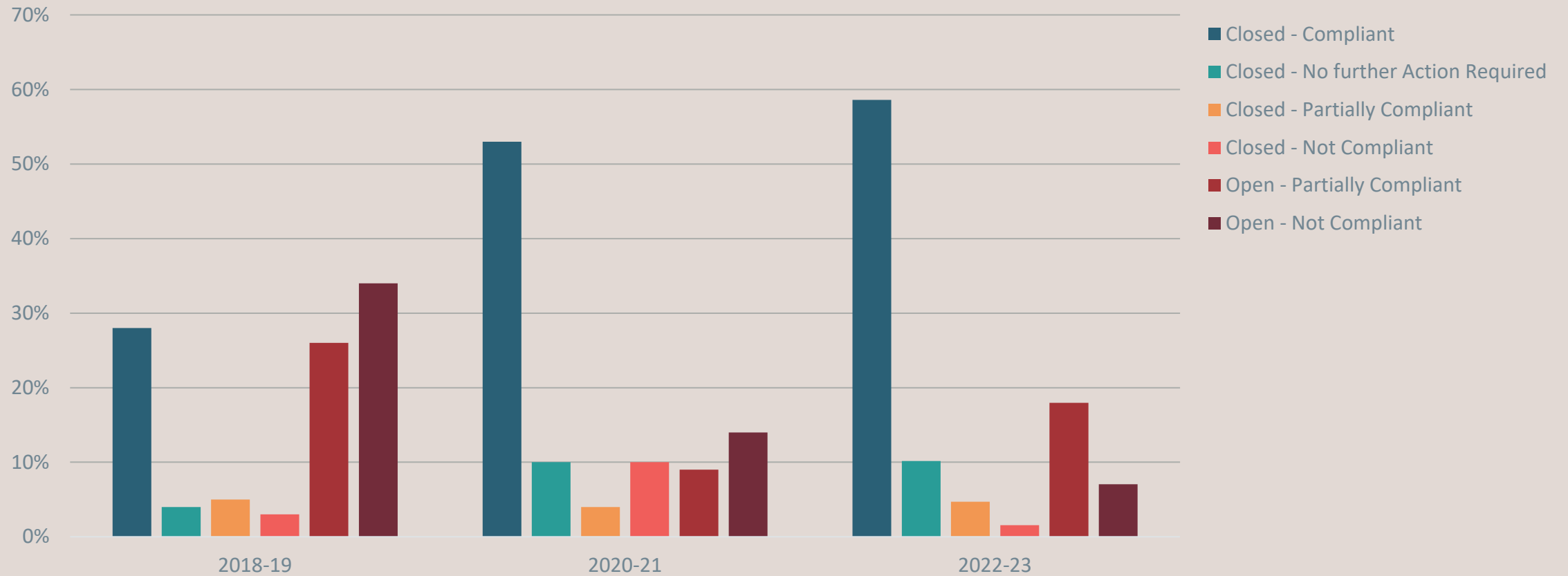
Types of Evaluation (and Review)

- **Subprogramme Evaluations** – All UNEP Subprogrammes must be evaluated within a period of 6 years:
- **Thematic / Issue-based / Cross-cutting evaluations** recent examples include the Evaluation of the implementation of UNEP’s Gender Policy and Strategy and a Review of UNEP’s contributions to Poverty Reduction
- **Terminal Evaluations (TEs)** are a summative assessment of performance, when a project reaches completion, that is carried out as a process managed by the UNEP Evaluation Office, normally by contracting external consultants;
- **Management-Led Terminal Reviews (MLTRs/TRs)** are a summative assessment of performance, when a project reaches completion, that is carried out as a process managed by the UNEP Project/Task Manager, normally by contracting an external consultant. The Review Report is quality assessed and validated by the Evaluation Office;
- **Meta-Evaluations** these are evaluations based on aggregated information, for example the Biennial Evaluation Synthesis Report 2022-2023 summarized UNEP project performance using information from completed project-level evaluations

Summary of project performance against evaluation criteria 2022 -2023



Recommendation compliance status by biennium 2018-23



Thank you



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