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UNDP KUWAIT

**INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KUWAIT
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(Project No. 91562, Output No. 96707)**

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**Report on the Audit of UNDP Kuwait
Institutional Capacity Development for Implementation of the Kuwait National Development Plan
(Project No. 91562, Output No. 96707)
Executive Summary**

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), through Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. (the audit firm), from 1 May to 24 May 2018, conducted an audit of Institutional Capacity Development for Implementation of the Kuwait National Development Plan (Project No. 91562, Output No. 96707) (the Project), which is nationally implemented¹ with direct support services by the UNDP Country Office in Kuwait (the Office). The last audit of the Project was conducted by OAI through Moore Stephens LLP in 2017 and covered project expenses from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

The audit firm conducted a financial audit to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the Project's operations. The audit covered the Project's Combined Delivery Report, which includes expenses for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement² as of 31 December 2017. The audit did not cover the Statement of Assets as no assets were held by the Project. In addition, the audit did not cover the Statement of Cash Position as no separate bank account was established and maintained for the Project.

The audit was conducted under the general supervision of OAI in conformance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

Audit results

Based on the audit report submitted by the audit firm, the results are summarized in the table below:

Project Expenses	
Amount (in \$ '000)	Opinion
6,204	Unmodified*

*Unmodified = unqualified or clean opinion

The audit did not result in any recommendations.

¹ The responsible units in UNDP facilitate the audit of nationally implemented (NIM) projects. However, this NIM project was audited by OAI due to the significant involvement of the Country Office in its implementation, and the subsequent materiality of the amount expended by UNDP.

² The Funds Utilization statement includes the balance, as at a given date, of five items: (a) outstanding advances received by the project; (b) undepreciated fixed assets used at the project level; (c) inventory held at the project level; (d) prepayments made by the project; and (e) outstanding commitments held at the project level.



Management comments and action plan

Management comments and/or additional information provided have been incorporated into the report, where appropriate.

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