

↵ Future of the UN Development System (FUNDS) Project

Global perceptions survey 2012

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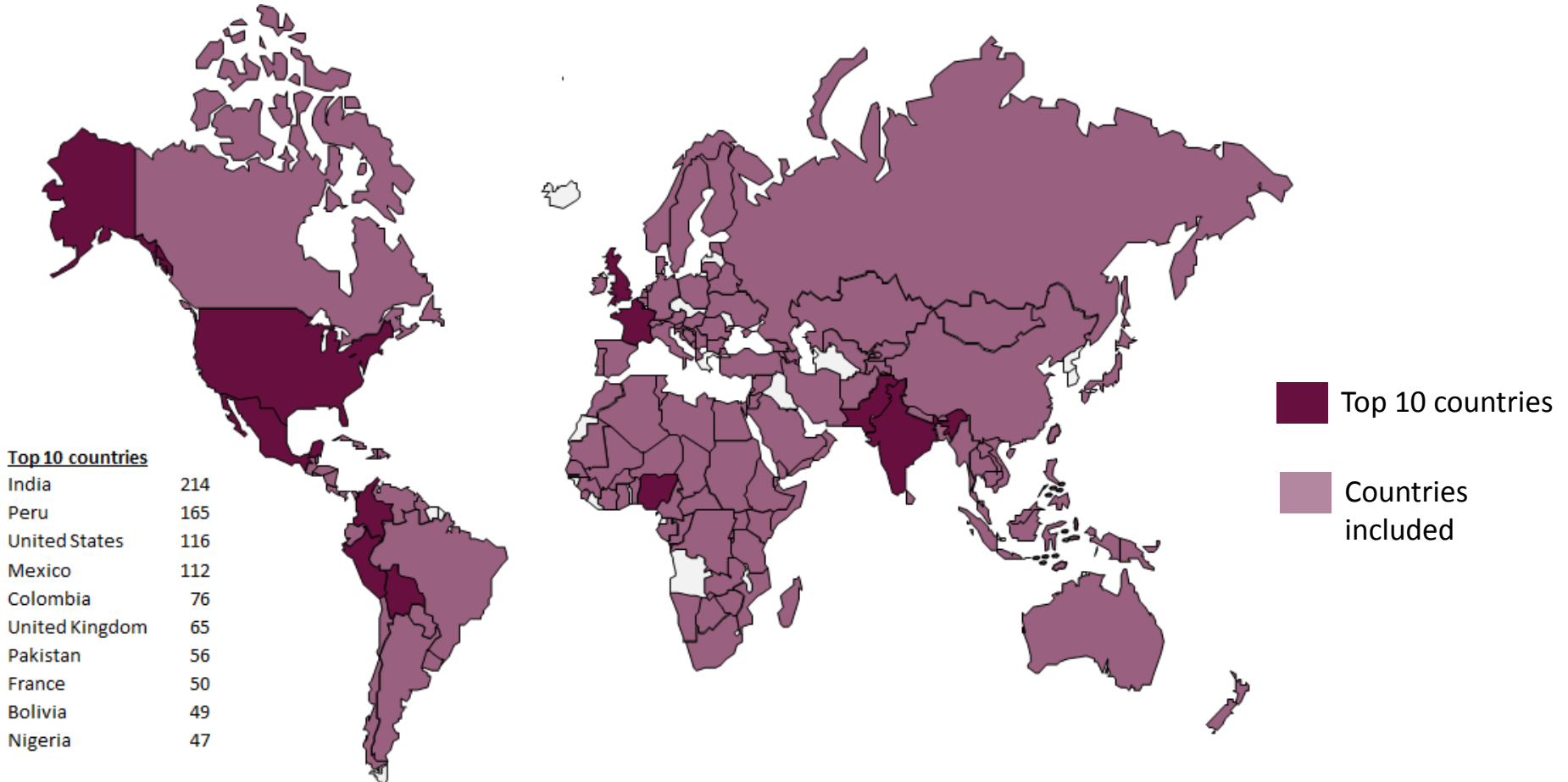
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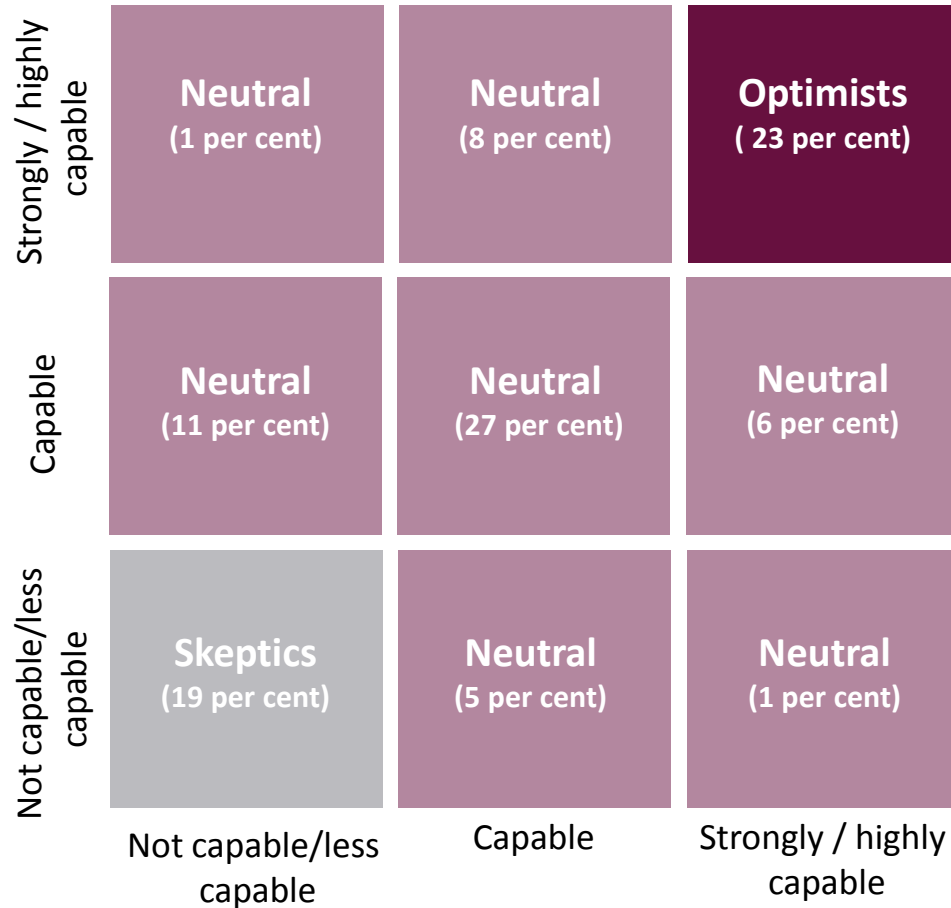
A global survey based on 3345 responses

- The FUNDS 2012 survey was conducted in February and March 2012 and provides a detailed account of the **relevance and effectiveness** of the organizations within the UN Development System as well as an account of the key challenges and **priorities moving forward**.
- The survey contains information from 3345 respondents covering **153 countries around the world**



General perception of the capabilities within the UN Development System

To what extent is the UN Development System capable of handling its **own organizational** challenges?



UN optimist

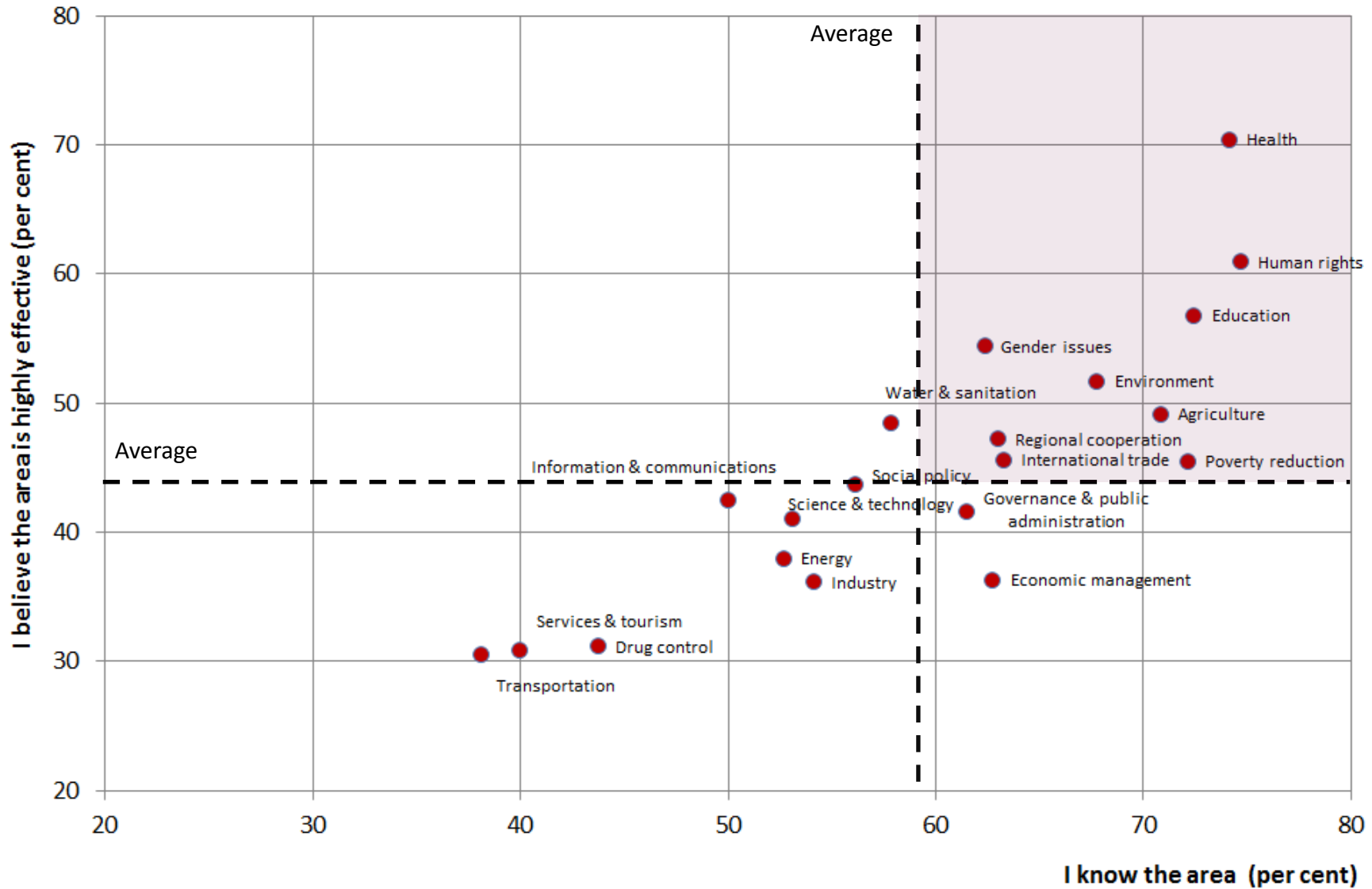
- The most optimistic respondents are younger people working in national government/public sector in developing countries

UN skeptics

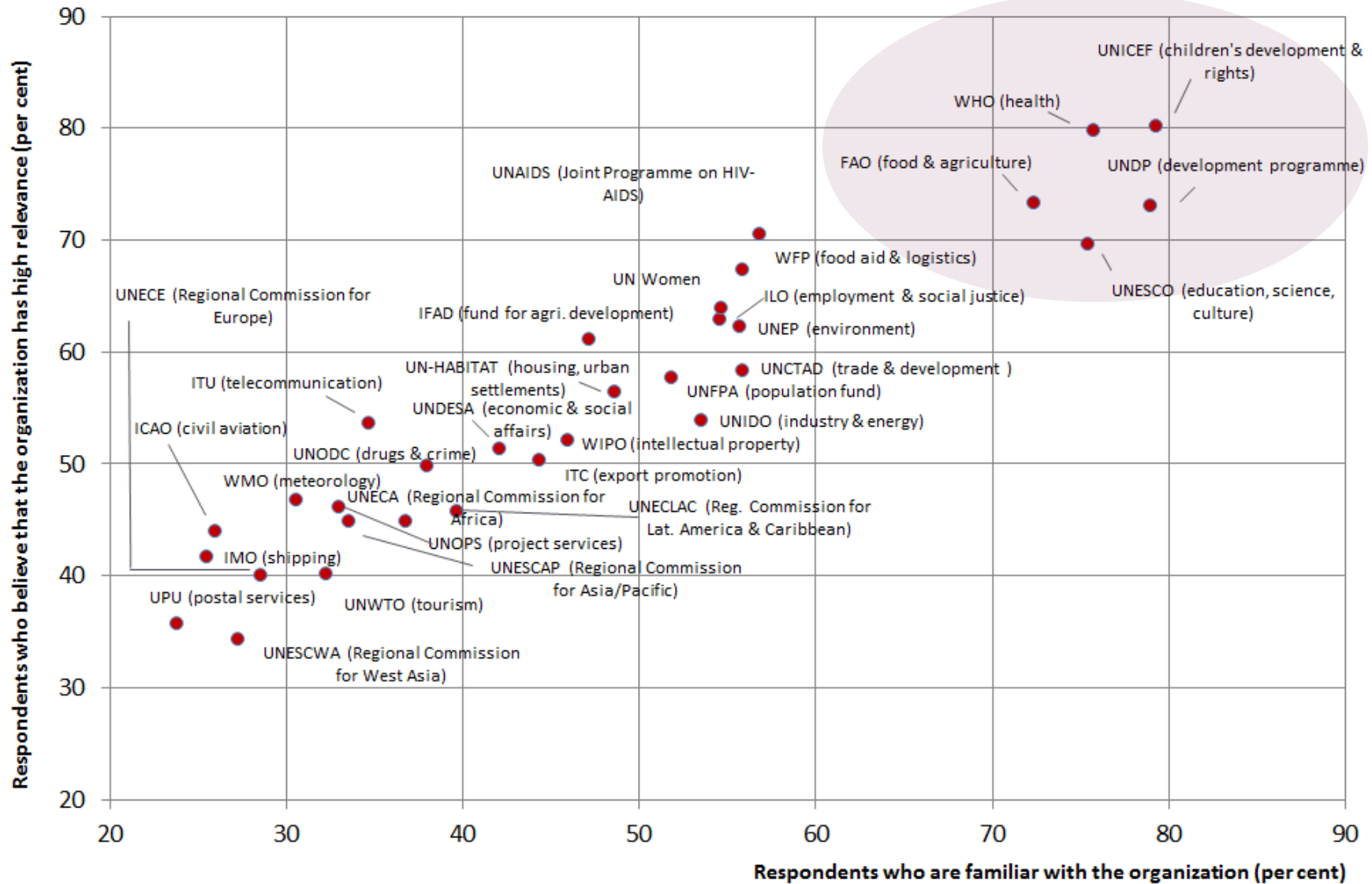
- The most skeptical respondents are found among more experienced from developed countries working in non-UN international public organizations
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- Gender and UN affiliation do not seem to have a high impact on the general perception of the UN development system

To what extent is the UN Development System capable of handling new **development** challenges?

Knowledge and perception of areas within the UN Development System

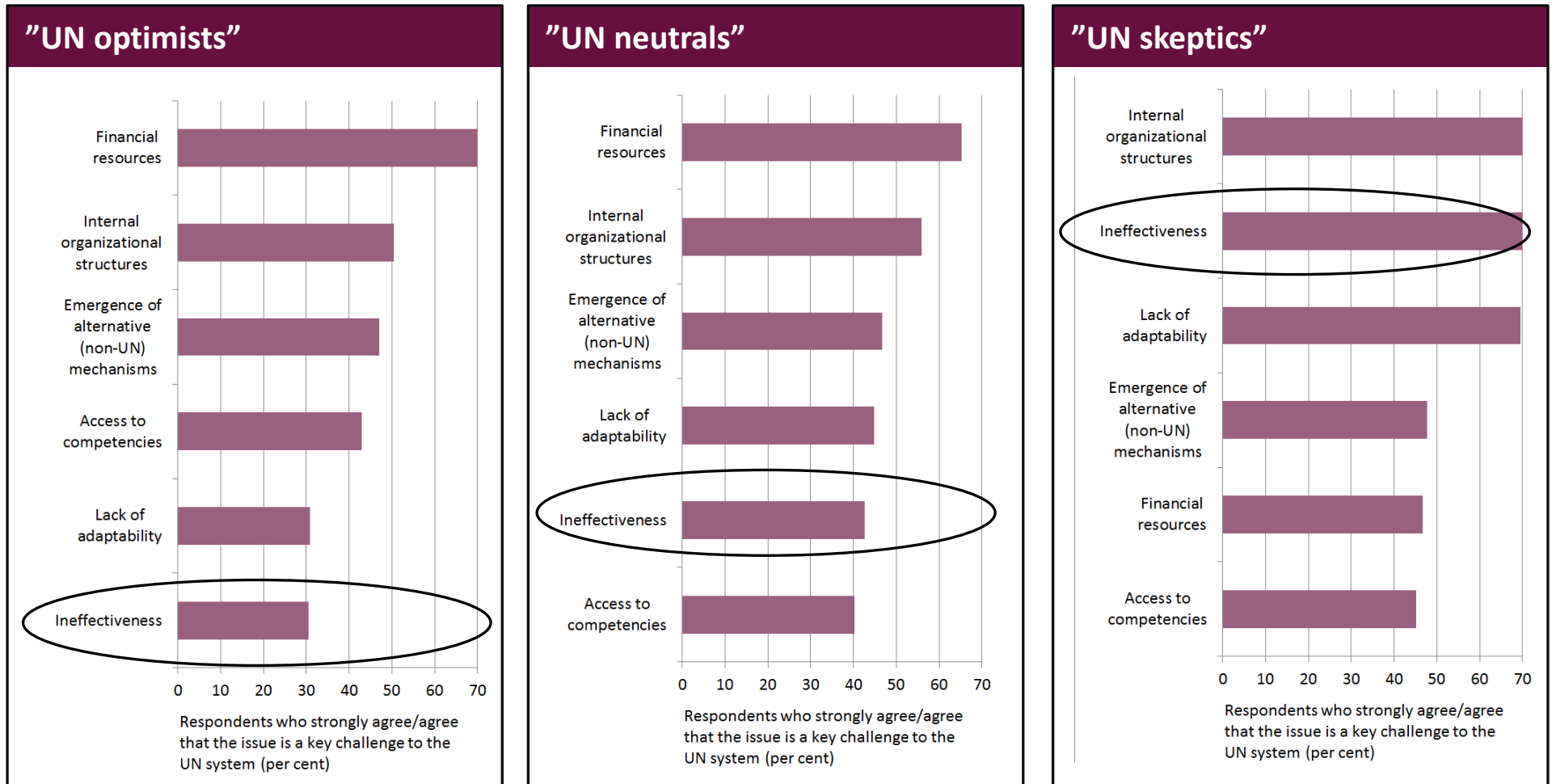


Familiarity with and perception of UN Development System organizations



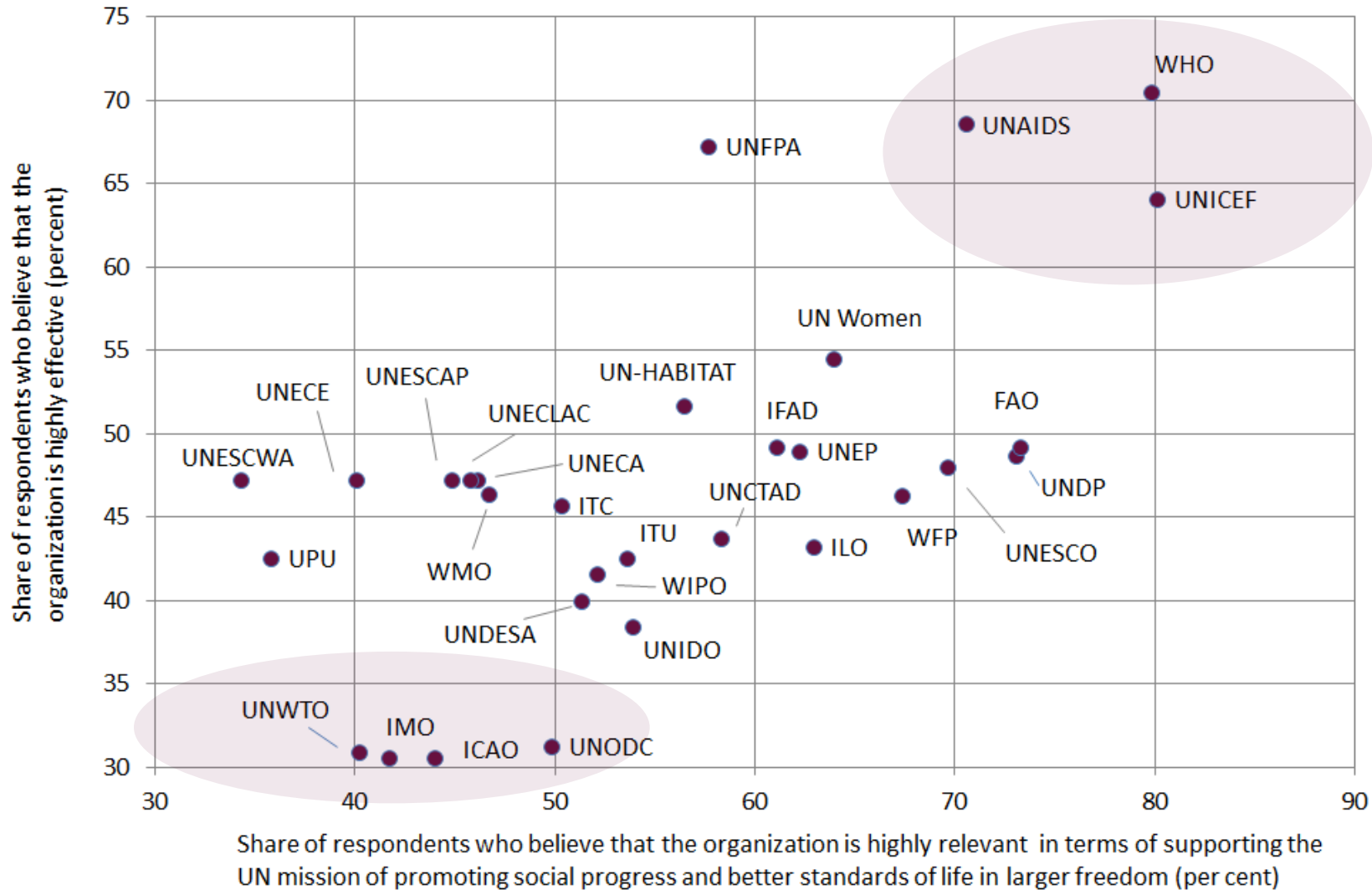
Source: FUNDS Survey 2012

Key challenges to the UN Development System



Note: "UN optimists" are defined as respondents who believe that the UN system is capable of handling own organizational challenges as well as new development challenges, while "UN skeptics" are defined as respondents who do not believe that the UN system is capable of handling these challenges. The group of "UN neutrals" entails respondents who have an opinion, but are neither "UN optimists" nor "UN skeptics".

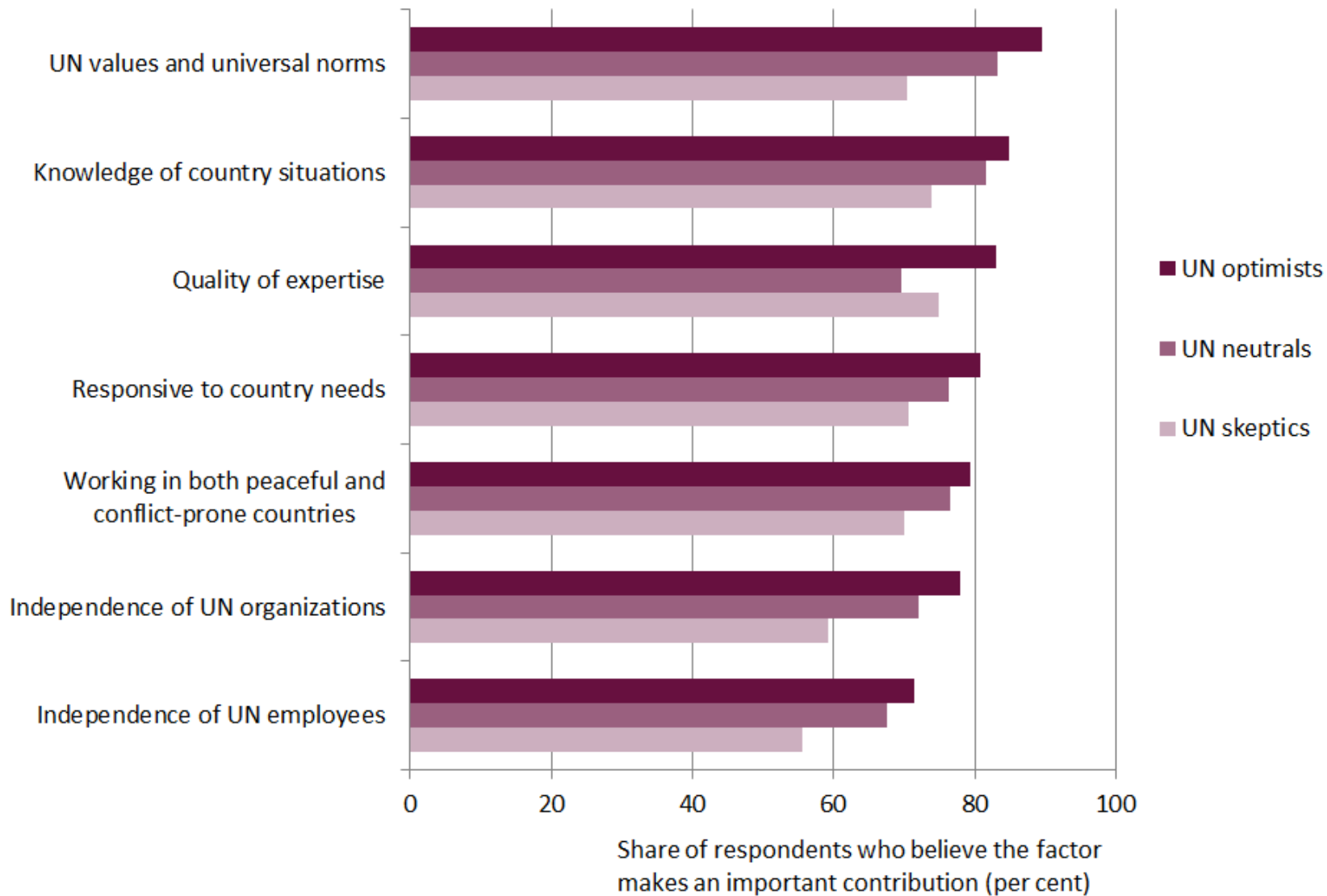
Relevance and effectiveness of UN Development System Organizations



Note: The level of effectiveness is estimated on the basis of the respondents evaluation of key areas within the UN Development System

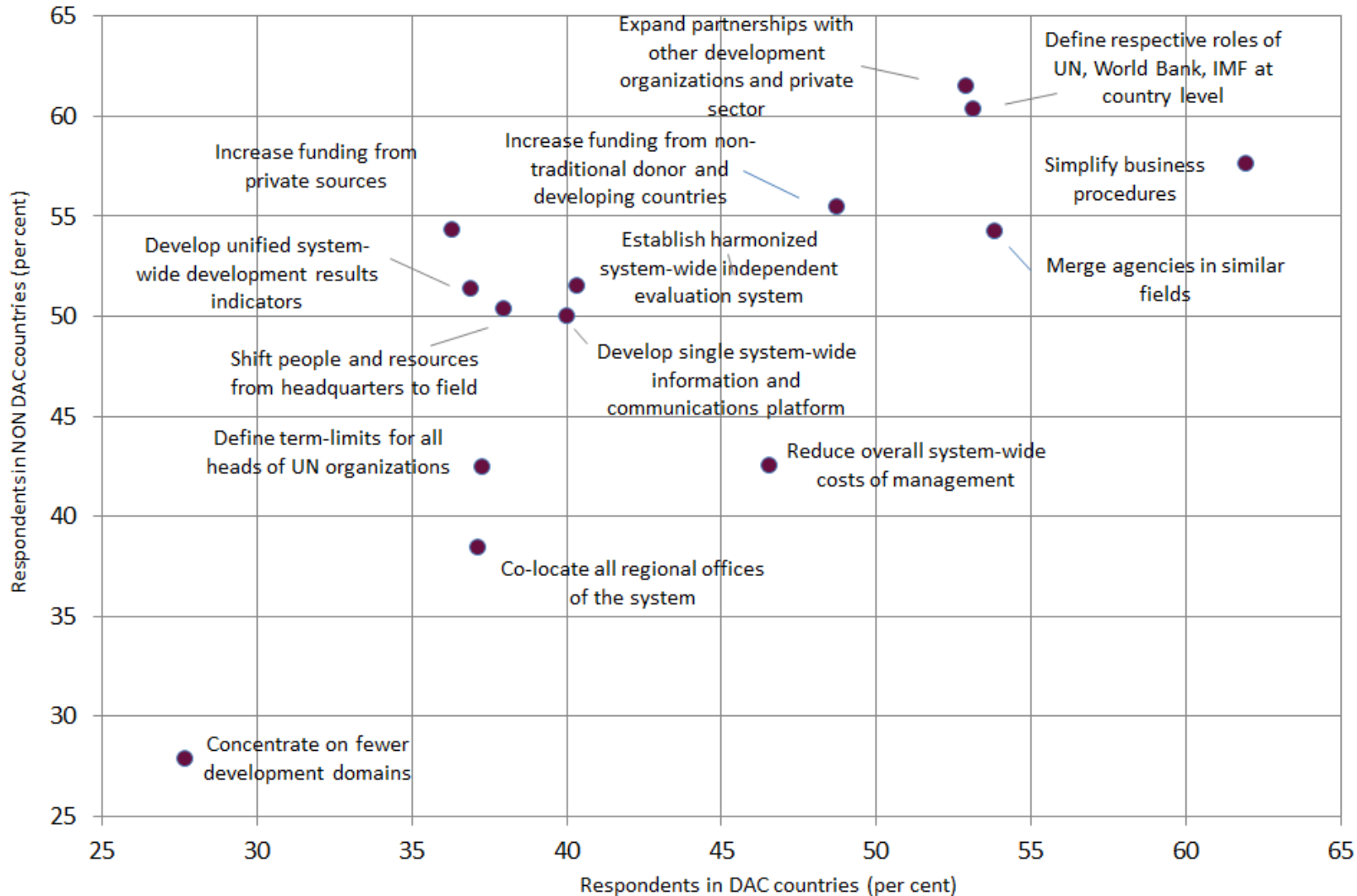
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The importance of key factors within the UN Development System



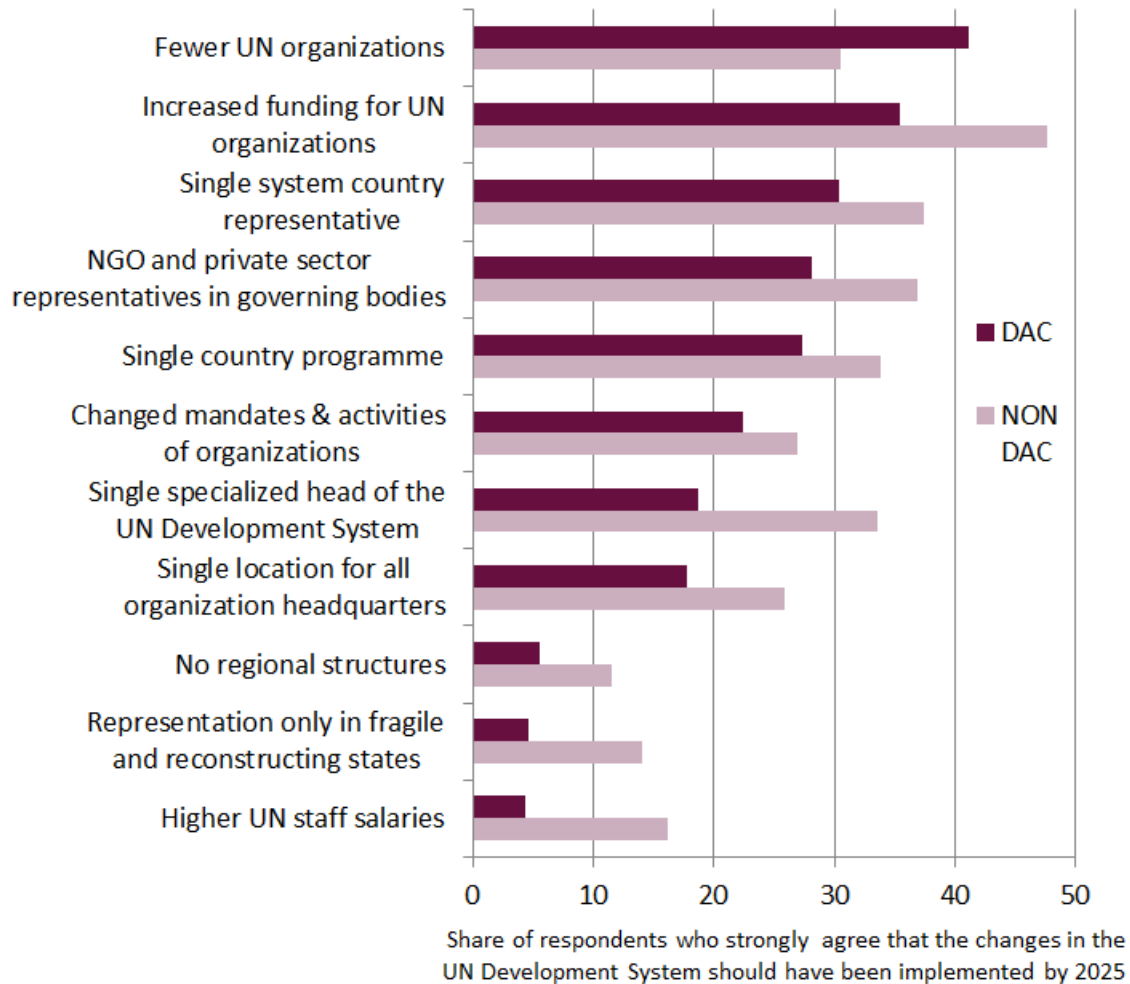
Initiatives to be considered over the next five years

Share of respondents who strongly agree that the UN Development system should consider changes in relevant areas in the next five years given current and growing resource constraints, percent

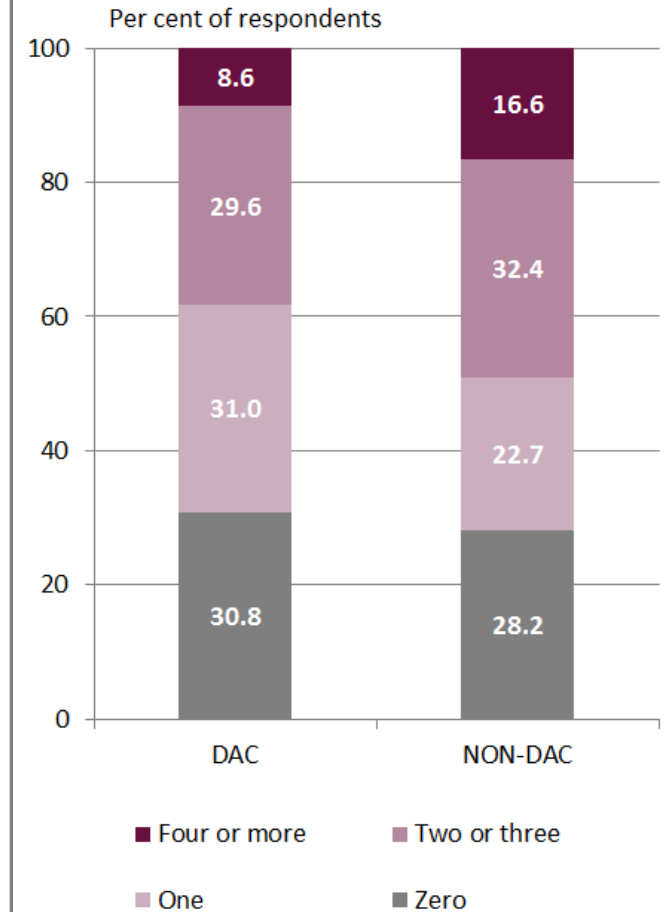


Changes to be implemented by 2025

Which of the following changes in the UN Development System should have been implemented by 2025?



Number of initiatives with strong support



Inspiration for change

In the survey the respondents were asked to state one or two important changes that could be made to the UN Development System to improve its effectiveness today. More than 1,500 respondents choose to answer the question, providing in-depth insight on challenges and recommendations going forward.

“ Create a unified UN Development System structure (allowing agencies to continue based on thematic area), with a single set of administrative and financial norms, a single information system, a single program at the country level and an internationally respected development figure as its president.” (NGO, Spain)

“ Streamline organization structure and cut out the waste, utilize NGO capacity more.” (Private sector, Zambia)

“ More clearly defined career paths” (NGO, United Kingdom)

“ Provide more funds for UN WOMEN and ensure UN WOMEN drives all gender related activities within UN. UN WOMEN should have more staff and multi-annual programs.” (Private sector, Serbia)

“ The UN should make itself more well-known and loved, a better website for public support and the ability to understand what is accomplished.” (Academia, United States)

“ Harmonize business practices among agencies and simplify bureaucratic procedures that slow the UN down.” (UN Organization, United States)