

Oversight Mechanisms: OIOS

Joint Swiss-UNITAR Briefing on United Nations Budgetary Matters

Agenda: issues to be discussed

1. OIOS **mandate** and **independence**
2. **Activities** and **performance**
3. **Structure, staffing** and **resources**
4. **Programme priorities** for **2022**

OIOS activities include audit, evaluation and investigations

- The purpose of OIOS is to assist the Secretary-General in:

“fulfilling his/her **internal oversight responsibilities...**”

“in respect of the **resources and staff** of the Organization...”

“through **independent, professional and timely...**”

“**internal audit, investigation, inspection
and evaluation activities**”

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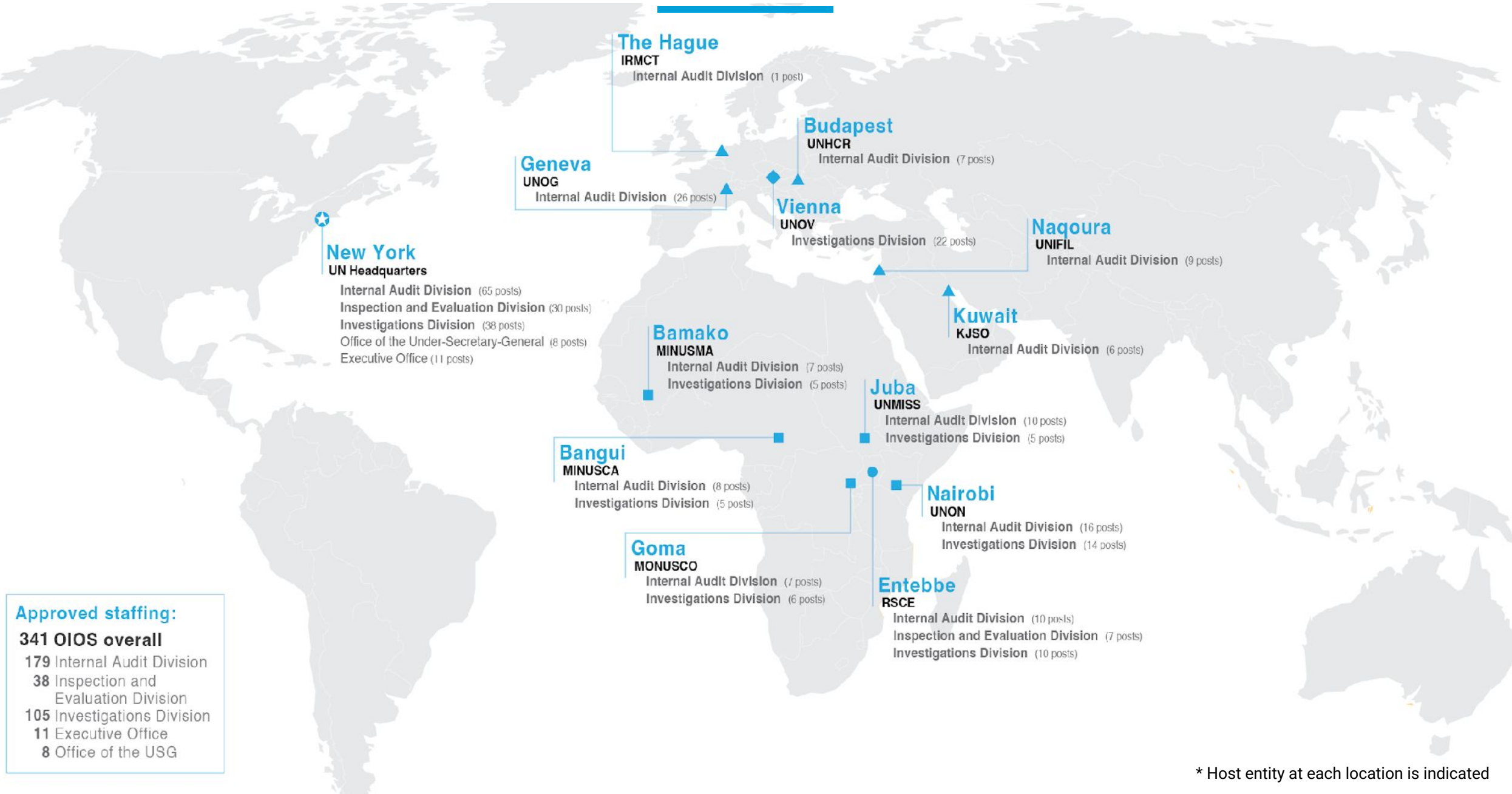
OIOS is operationally independent

- Reports directly to the Secretary-General and the General Assembly
- Authority to initiate, carry-out and report on any action it considers necessary to fulfill its oversight responsibilities
- Right to direct and prompt action to all persons engaged in activities under the authority of the Organization
- Right of access to all records, documents, assets and premises as it considers necessary in the conduct of its activities
- The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight is appointed by the Secretary-General, and approved by the Assembly, for a non-renewable term of 5 years.

OIOS covers more than 90 entities

- **UNHQ Secretariat** Departments/Offices
- **Offices away from UNHQ:** UNOG, UNOV & UNON
- Five **regional commissions:** ECLAC, ECA, UNESCAP, UNECE, ESCWA
- **Peacekeeping** and **Special Political Missions**
- **Courts** and **Tribunals** – ICJ and IRMCT
- Certain funds & programmes: UNEP, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNJSPF
- MoUs with some other UN System entities

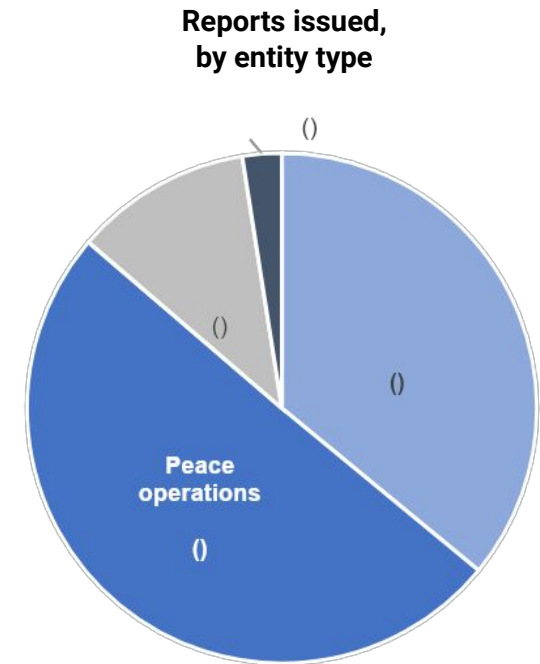
OIOS worldwide locations



* Host entity at each location is indicated

OIOS outputs and results in 2021/22

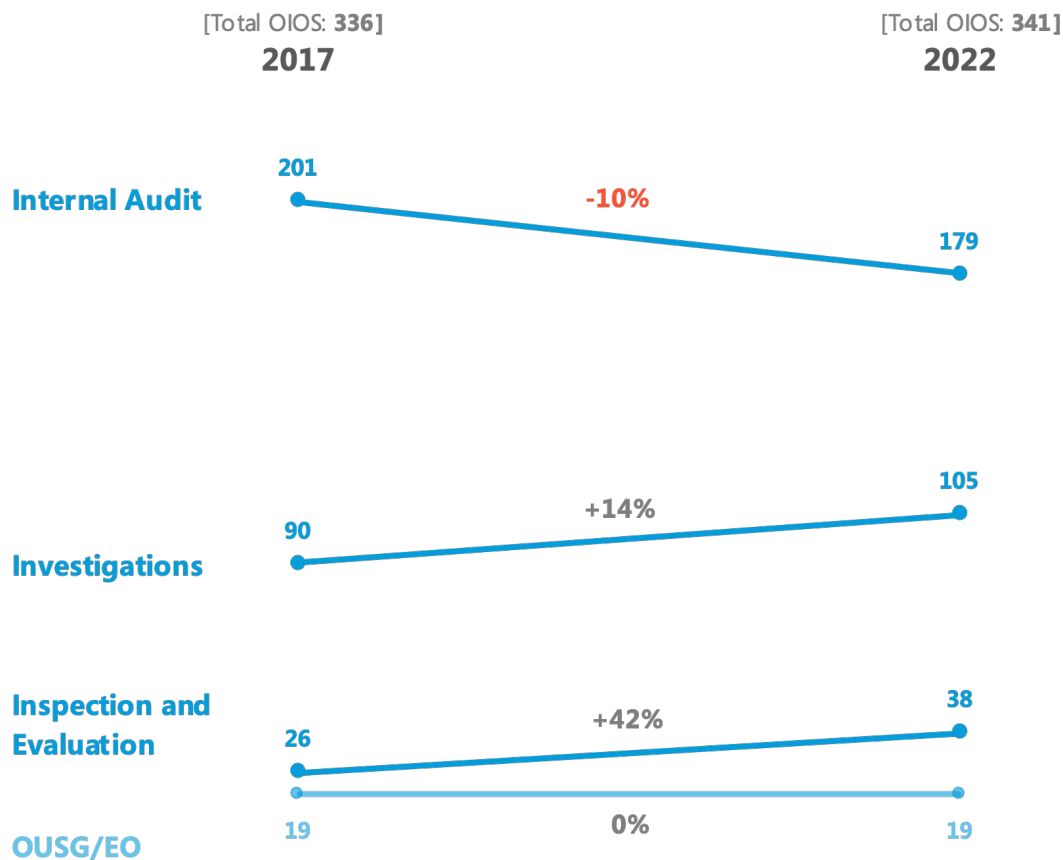
- **481** oversight reports issued:
 - 109 audit
 - 27 inspection and evaluation
 - 345 investigation
- **Around half** related to **peace operations**
- OIOS issued **883 recommendations** to 46 entities, covering areas of high risk to programme management, information technology and data management, financial management, strategic management, and governance and control



Overall OIOS posts have increased slightly since 2017

OIOS posts, by Division, 2017 and 2022

(Number of posts)



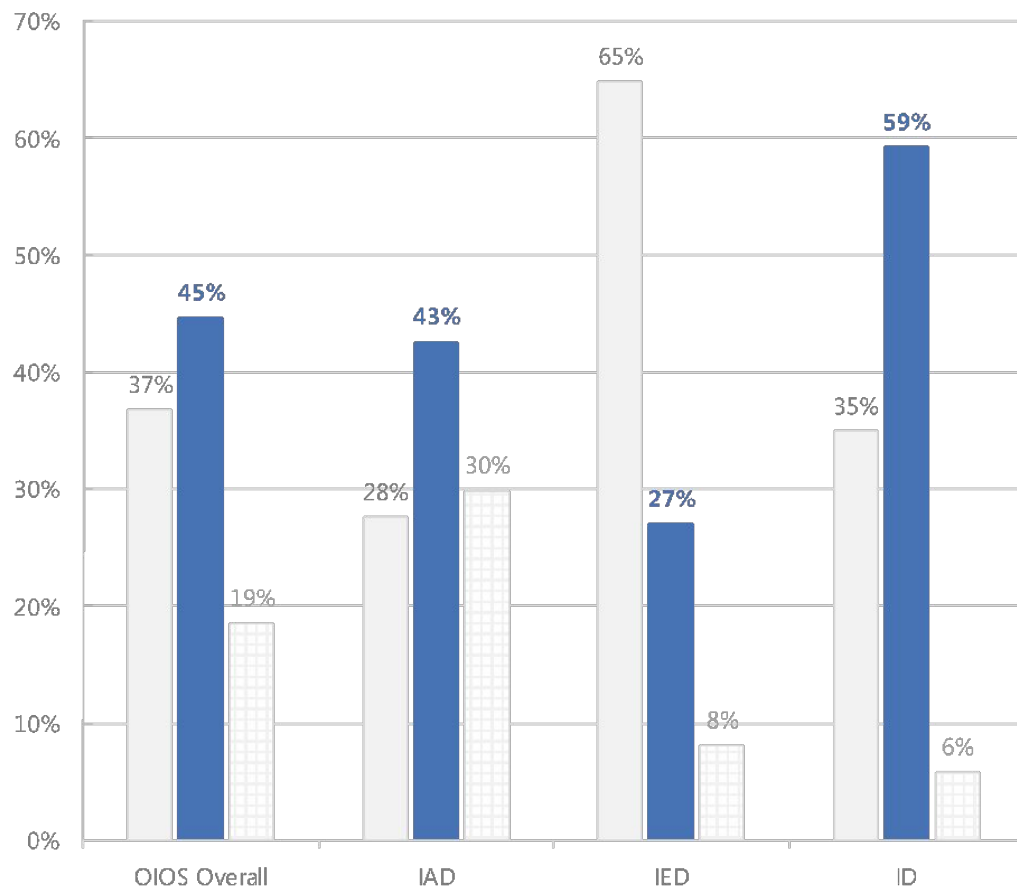
- **341** posts across all OIOS (net **+5 posts** since 2017)
- Most growth in **investigations** and **evaluation**:
 - **13** new posts in **ID**
 - **11** new posts in **IED**
- Gender balance is improving:
42% F : M 58%
- Diversity: **74 nationalities**

Peacekeeping support account is still a major source of funding

Proportion of peacekeeping support account posts in 2022, by Division

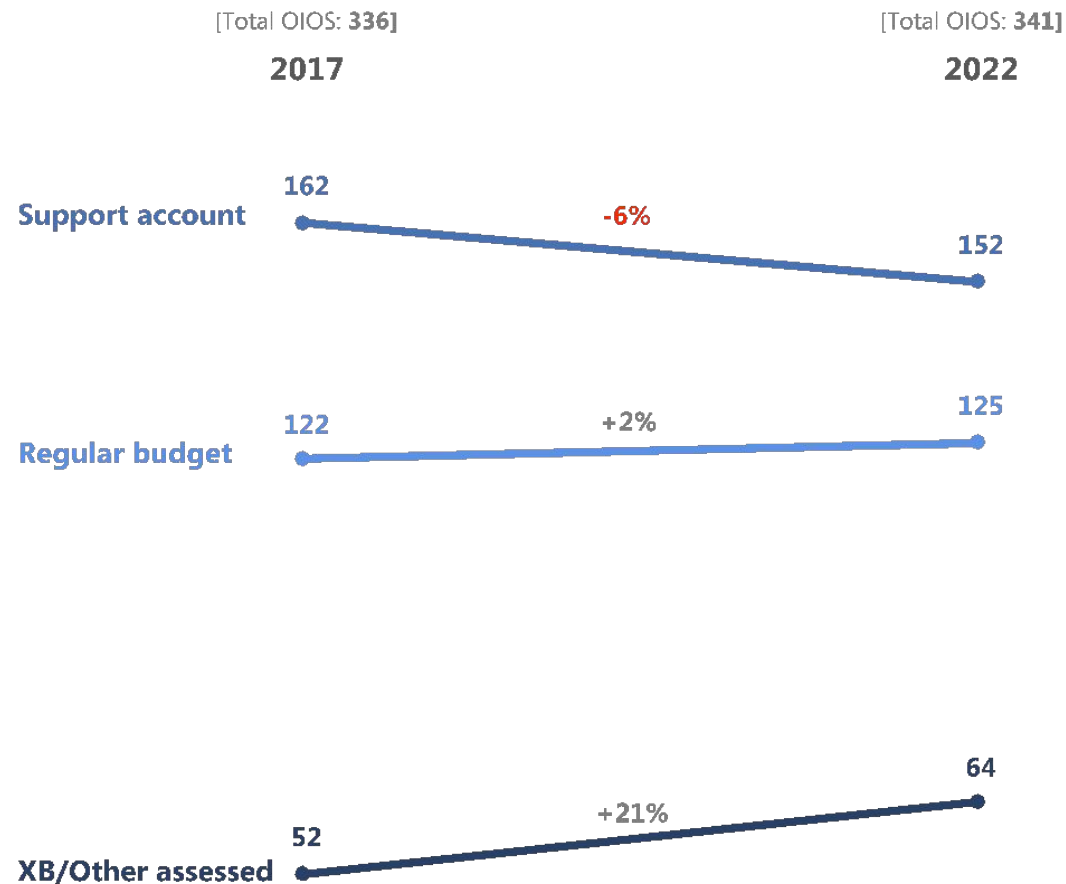
(Percentage)

Regular budget Support account Extrabudgetary



OIOS posts, by funding source, 2017 and 2022

(Number of posts)



Programme focus areas for 2022

- (a) implementation of the management, peace and security, and development reforms**
- (b) organizational culture**
- (c) procurement and supply chain management**
- (d) missions in drawdown or transition**
- (e) protection against retaliation (whistle-blower protection)**

Plus, Secretariat implementation in cross-cutting areas, such as:

- the Sustainable Development Goals and
- the Secretary-General's strategies on gender equality, racial equality, environmental sustainability, and data

Our Vision

A strong and accountable United Nations

Our Mission:

**Delivering objective oversight results that
make a difference**