Active collaboration across agencies

In Resolution 71/243, the UN General Assembly called for entities within the UN development system to "operate according to the principle of mutual recognition of best practices in terms of policies and procedures, with the aim of facilitating active collaboration across agencies and reducing transaction costs for Governments and collaborating agencies."

MUTUAL RECOGNITION ESSENTIALS
7 STEPS TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. Sign the Mutual Recognition Statement which can be found at the CEB website: https://unscb.org/mutual-recognition

2. Brief senior management groups about the entity's objectives set for active collaboration with UN partners and the directors' and division heads' role in achieving them.

3. Assess and agree on areas of work where heads of office in regions and/or countries can apply mutual recognition when working collaboratively with other signatories of the Statement.

4. Issue policy instructions or guidelines to the relevant managers, setting out these areas of work and any specific additional measures required.

5. Establish a mechanism whereby future requests to apply mutual recognition can be submitted and considered.

6. Maintain a register of when mutual recognition is applied and undertake periodic evaluation of the benefits accruing to the entity from its use.

7. Appoint a network of Mutual Recognition Champions to conduct workshops for personnel, build a body of knowledge about the benefits of and approaches to active inter-Agency collaboration and how mutual recognition can help.