





Prepare

Before discussing the FWA request with the staff member:



Check the FWA information site on the <u>HR Portal</u>: <u>https://hr.un.org/page/flexible-working-arrangements</u>



Familiarize yourself with:

- The available options of FWA and eligibility
- The <u>ST/SGB/2003/4</u> policy on FWA
- The agreement forms to use for each FWA option



Speak with your **<u>FWA Focal Point</u>** to help clarify any questions you may have





Respond to a request

Once you receive a FWA request from a staff member





- Discuss the terms of the request including **job responsibilities** and **expectations** on the delivery of work
- Focus on how business needs must be met
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 - Define outputs within a given timeframe
 - Determine how work and performance will be **monitored** and **measured**
 - Stress the importance of **two-way communication** should any challenges arise

If the request is approved



- Fill out the FWA agreement form found on the HR portal
- Once signed, submit a copy of the FWA agreement form to the Executive / Administrative Office
- The goal is to reach a balanced agreement that is mutually beneficial to the staff member and the operational needs of the Department/Office
- Consider providing an explanation if the request is declined



Implement

After you approved the FWA request



Consider a **trial period** so that you and your staff member can work collaboratively together in implementing the agreement

Communicate regularly on the progress made towards agreed outputs/potential setbacks

Provide **regular feedback** on performance and on the implementation of the arrangement.

Be conscious that the successful implementation of FWA is a two-way process shared by you and your staff member