

UNSD Meeting Asset Ownership

ECA activities in Gender statistics

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Context

- **Gender Statistics** at ECA is implemented within the framework of the *African programme on gender Statistics* (APGS)

Purpose of APGS: The main objective of the APGS is to:

- **Increase the availability** of **quality, timely and comparable** gender statistics at the national, regional and international levels in Africa
- **Bring all efforts aiming** to improve gender statistics in Africa **under one umbrella programme** (As *these Efforts in Africa* were *disjointed*, project based, ad-hoc & did not bring about sustainable improvement
- **Make best use of scarce resources**, as Many agencies and stakeholders undertaking same or similar activities

Context

- ❖ **Phase 1 (2012 -2016):** adopted by the Statistical Commission (**StatCom**) for Africa held in January 2012

The StatCom has requested the Africa Group on Gender Statistics (AGGES) to:

- ***Coordinate*** its implementation
- ***Report on the progress*** of implementation of APGS in each of its sessions
- ***ECA is the Secretariat*** for both the ***AGGES and the APGS***

- ❖ **Phase 2 (2017 -2021)** aligned to SDGs data and methodological issues requirement

Implementing partners

Regional Institutions	UN Agencies	Other Institutions
UNECA	UN Women	RECs
AfDB	UNDP	Statistical Training Centres
AUC	UNFPA	Others.....
AFRISTAT	UNICEF	
	WHO	
	World Bank	
	OECD	
	Others.....	

ECA Activities

ECA Activities are undertaken under **the 4 strategic areas of the APGS**. These include:

- a) Regional partnerships and coordination
- b) capacity building and research;
- c) reporting storage and dissemination; and
- d) advocacy and communication of gender statistics at the country and regional levels.

I - Regional partnerships and coordination

1. **Regional Consultative Meeting on Gender Statistics**

- Organized by UN Women, AfDB and ECA in Dakar from 22 to 23 May 2018, brings together GS regional stakeholders in Africa; The meeting aimed to provide an opportunity for dialogue about:
 - how ***to advance in Implementation of national and regional priorities and capacities development to monitor the SDGs*** and other commitments, from a gender perspective in Africa

ECA Activities

I - Regional partnerships and coordination

1. **Regional Consultative Meeting on Gender Statistics**

- **Opportunities for** collaboration and harmonization of efforts.
- It serves as a key forum for joint work planning in order to reduce duplication, increase collaboration and effectiveness.

Recommendations of the workshop included the following:

- (i) **Regional gender statistics database** will be led by the AfDB
- (ii) **Regional knowledge sharing platform** will be led by UNECA;
- (iii) AfDB, UN Women and **UNECA to help Member States to set up the Africa Experts Group on Gender Statistics (AEGGS).**

I - Regional partnerships and coordination

2. **Developpement of the Africa Programme on Gender Statistics (2017-2021).**

- As secretariat of the AGGeS, *ECA has developed the APGS 2017-2021*, with the objective *to align it to new demands emanating from gender related* indicators in SDGs and agenda 2063 and address challenges identified in the APGS 2012-2016.
- The APGS 2017-2021 includes a *five-year plan of action (2017-2021)* and *a set of strategies that are*: These include:
 - a) Regional partnerships and coordination
 - b) capacity building and research;
 - c) reporting storage and dissemination; and
 - d) advocacy and communication of gender statistics at the country and regional levels.
- The APGS *will be submitted to the African group on* gender statistics at its meeting in September before its *endorsement by Statcom Africa in October 2018*.

II - Capacity building and research

This is undertaken through *Development of Training materials (guidelines and tool)*,
Training workshops, Advisory missions

Training Materials

1 - Online training toolkit on gender statistics: Developed by ECA in collaboration with the UN System Staff College. It is meant to contribute to

- **Promote continued capacity-building & learning by producers and users of SG**
- **Enhance knowledge of users on production and use of gender statistics** (Planning for GS, Producing GS (Mod 3A Engendering existing data sources & 3B: Equitania TUS) and Communicating and Using Gender Statistics as a Tool for Change)

2 - Gender statistics toolkit on women in informal cross-border trade in Africa:
Objective: to assist African countries to collect, analyse and report on statistics on
“Women in informal cross-border trade in Africa”.

II - Capacity building

3 -- The Joint Africa index on gender equality:

ECA developed the *African Gender and Development Index (AGDI)*, a composite index whose primary objective is to provide African countries with an *accurate gender-accountability tool to implement and assess their progress against* their commitment.

In 2015, *AfDB* launched also *the Africa Gender Equality* Index, whose aim is similar to the one of AGDI.

At the request of member States, the two organizations have started working together on producing the *joint Africa index on gender equality*. The first publication of the joint index is expected in 2018.

II Capacity building

Training workshops:

1 - Regional training workshop: to improve use of existing data for monitoring gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa.

Organized in September 2017 in Uganda. This workshop aimed to strengthen capacity of member states and consequently enable them to revitalize the availability and improvement of gender indicators in Africa. It is part of activities undertaken within the United Nations Development account programme on statistics and data.

2 - Regional training workshop on the online gender statistics toolkit aiming to demonstrate and introduce the on-line training toolkit on GS to participants and to provide training on the toolkit

II Capacity building

Training workshops:

3 - ECA and UnWomen jointly convened a workshop on “Measuring Women’s Representation in Local Government in the ECA region (SDG 5.5.1b). The workshop aimed to:

(i) Discuss (a) UN Women-led research on local government and (b) local government organization in the region and (c) their implications for a standardized, global measurement of women’s representation in local government;

(ii) Provide input on the methodology of SDG Indicator 5.5.1b, including definitions and terms related to local government, calculation of the indicator and data sources and discuss the relevance of the indicator in the ECA region; and

(iii) Reflect on the mechanism for regional and global monitoring of SDG indicator 5.5.1b, including (a) the role of key national actors in data collection and reporting, (b) the use of standardized data request forms for regional and global reporting, and (c) the method for calculating regional and global averages of the indicator.

II Capacity building

5 - Joint AfDB-UN Women-UNECA Regional Workshop on Gender Statistics

- UN Women , AfDB and ECA organized a Workshop on GS from 29 to 30 Nov 2017 in Dakar
- The objectives of the workshop were *to review Africa's policy commitments to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment* and *to present new regional initiatives to monitor the 2030 and 2063 agendas from a gender perspective*
- *The Workshop provided an opportunity to :*
- Review and validate the joint AfDB/UNECA Africa Gender Index
- Introduce UN Women's regional component of the Unwomen flagship programme **initiative**: Making Every Woman and Girl Count Programme.
- Review the status of gender statistics in Africa as well as coordination and collaboration needed to improve the production and use of gender statistics in Africa.
- APGS was presented, reviewed and discussed. Challenges to its implementation were also highlighted and discussed..

II Capacity building

Training workshops:

4 - National Training Workshop on Gender Statistics in Uganda:

The main objective of this national training workshops is to strengthen capacity of statistical offices in communicating their statistics, in particular for selected Tier I indicators (SDG 3, 4, 5, 8), to different user groups and to improve gender statistics literacy of data users (DA 10).

III. Thematic and methodological research on gender issues.

1 - Report on Best Practices in Gender Statistics

To address challenges hindering the capacity of African countries to produce quality, timely and comparable gender related data and statistics, ECA is:

- ***Fostering knowledge and experience sharing among member states*** in the areas.
- ***Working on documentation of different knowledge and good practice*** in gender statistics in Africa that will *allow member states to exchange experience and learn* from one another in various aspects of improvement of gender statistics in Africa in the view of their promotion and replication.

III. Thematic and methodological research on gender issues.

2 - Report on Best Practices in Monitoring Violence against Women

- There has been increased support towards the development of survey methodologies and common indicators on violence against women (VAW)
- These efforts were not translated into improved availability of timely and quality data on various types of violence against women (VAW)
- To address these challenges ECA is working on a report on and best practices in monitoring VAW in Africa

2 - **We developed a questionnaire that will be sent to member states** by next Friday, addressed at the national statistical system under the leadership of the National statistical office.

Futur Activities

- Regional workshop to **review the APGS, African gender index and launching the UNWomen Flagship Programme initiative** at regional level: ***Making Every Women and Girl Count (in September in Abidjan)***
- ***A Regional training workshops on statistics and indicators to measure Violence Against Women (VAW) and time use survey (TUS), (in September in Abidjan)***
- **National Training Workshop on Gender Statistics on user producer collaboration and communication**, in 3 selected countries (September and October)
- Establishment of a **Regional Gender database** that will be led by the AfDB;
- Establishment of a **Regional Knowledge Platform** that will be led by ECA (will be launched in September)

Futur Activities

- Need for AfDB, UNWomen and ECA to help member states to set up the **Africa Experts Group on Gender Statistics (AEGGS)**;
- **Strengthening the African Group on gender statistics (AGGS)**;
- Establishment of a **Minimum Set of Gender Statistics** for Africa;
- Feasibility of **creating a regional fund and sustainability** of current and proposed **interventions**;
- Establishment of a **City Group on gender statistics** in the continent .

Thank you