

June 20, 2014

Dear Ms. Warschburger,

In my capacity as Policy Specialist in charge of coordinating UN Women's work on statistics I am writing to formally apply for UN-Women's membership in the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA).

Since its creation, UN-Women has been an active member of various interagency working groups on statistics, including the Interagency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) and the Interagency and Expert Group on MDGs, to name a few. Through these memberships, UN-Women has worked closely with the UN Statistics Division and others in order to increase the availability and quality of gender statistics and to improve their use in policy making.

As a global organization providing programme support in nearly 100 countries, UN Women also works closely with national statistical offices to support work on gender statistics, including in some cases seconding staff to the host country's national statistical office. UN Women has also supported various surveys, including most recently on time use surveys in several countries.

I am confident that membership in the CCSA will help strengthen our work in this area, and by bringing a gender perspective in statistics, other members of the CCSA will also probably benefit from such participation.

In my capacity as coordinator of the Entity's work on statistics, I confirm that UN Women fully endorses the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities and one of the key endeavors of the Research and Data Section is to ensure that these principles are disseminated and understood throughout the Entity.

Yours sincerely,  
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