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Data on SOGI in Canada: a review of existing studies and statistical needs

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The Government of Canada is committed to advancing gender equality and promoting a diverse and inclusive society. In order to fulfill these commitments, robust and reliable data are needed to support evidence-based policy. Specifically, national statistics on sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as analysis of the diverse situations of LGBTI individuals is required. This information allows us to identify and address systemic discrimination and gender-based violence. At the same time, in the interest of safeguarding the privacy and security of individuals, it is important to consider when and why governments ask individuals to provide information on their sex, gender identity and sexual orientation. Within this context, this presentation will discuss Canada's experiences collecting information on sexual orientation and gender identity, including an overview of existing data and analysis as well as data gaps.