

Seventh Global Forum on Gender Statistics

Government of Japan and United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

Tokyo, Japan, 14 to 16 November 2018

Venue: Asakusa View Hotel (3-17-1 Nishiasakusa Taito Tokyo 111-8765, Japan)

Concept Note (as of 14 August 2018)

Background

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of the Government of Japan, is organizing the 7th Global Forum on Gender Statistics under the *Global Gender Statistics Programme* and the guidance of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS)¹.

As done in previous forums (Italy 2007, Ghana 2009, the Philippines 2010, Jordan 2012, Mexico 2014 and Finland 2016), this event will bring together producers and users of gender statistics from national and international statistical offices, other government agencies, international organizations, academia, civil society and the donor community. The Forum will be an opportunity to discuss ways to improve data and evidence for gender policies, in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. In particular, the Forum will: (a) review methodological developments for better gender statistics in many areas, including: the nexus between gender and environment; measuring asset ownership and entrepreneurship from a gender perspective; monitoring international migration; and producing data on gender identity; (b) take stock of national practices and strategies for measuring and monitoring gender concerns, in line with the global SDG indicator framework; (c) discuss how Statistical Offices can communicate more effectively to ensure policy makers, the media and the general public identify, understand, and make full use of available data; and (d) learn about the latest research/assessment of progress towards gender equality, and about the availability of disaggregated gender data, to ensure no one is left behind.

Topics to be covered

The Programme of the 7th Global Forum on Gender Statistics will be organized in sessions around “Thematic areas”, as follows:

- I. Communicating gender data and statistics
- II. Women’s economic empowerment: gender equality at work
- III. Women’s economic empowerment: asset ownership and entrepreneurship
- IV. Unpaid work and time use
- V. Gender equality and human rights
- VI. Gender, climate change and the environment
- VII. International migration and gender

¹ The IAEG-GS is composed of experts from both national and international statistical offices and was established in 2006 to provide guidance to the *Global Programme on Gender Statistics*. UNSD is the secretariat of the Group. The Global Programme was mandated by the United Nations Statistical Commission to: develop and promote methodological guidelines in existing domains as well as in emerging areas of concern related to gender equality and women’s empowerment; strengthen national statistical and technical capacity for the production, dissemination and use of gender-relevant data; facilitate access to gender-relevant data and metadata; and improve coherence among existing initiatives on gender statistics through international coordination.

VIII. Use of non-traditional sources and innovative methods to produce gender data

Sessions will include presentations on:

- National experiences and best practices in producing gender statistics;
- How gender data are used, especially for the development of policies and for monitoring outcomes; and
- Innovative approaches/initiatives to improve gender statistics in terms of data production (including through non-traditional data sources and/or integration of multiple data sources), quality, disaggregation, timeliness and use of data.

Special consideration will be given to those presentations covering:

- a. Experiences in using different data sources, including administrative and geospatial information systems, and in integrating multiple sources for a more comprehensive assessment of progress towards gender equality;
- b. New/emerging areas for gender statistics and innovative approaches to data production;
- c. Methods/instruments for further data disaggregation of gender relevant SDG indicators to ensure that all women and girls (including vulnerable groups) are accounted for, and no one is left behind.

Host country

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the Government of Japan will host the 7th Global Forum on Gender Statistics in Tokyo, Japan (venue: Asakusa View Hotel located at 3-17-1 Nishiasakusa Taito Tokyo 111-8765, Japan) from 14 to 16 November 2018.

Other related events

The Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) will hold its 12th meeting (closed and by invitation only) on 13 November 2018, before the Global Forum (venue: Asakusa View Hotel located at 3-17-1 Nishiasakusa Taito Tokyo 111-8765, Japan).