ECA Recent initiatives on gender statistics - filling the gender data gaps

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Context

Africa Programme on gender statistics

Gender Statistics at ECA are 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
Africa Programme on gender statistics

- **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
APGS Strategy

A set of strategies are identified for achieving the objective of APGS. These include:

1. *Regional partnership and coordination*

2. *Capacity building and research*

3. *Reporting and dissemination* of GS at the country and regional levels

4. *Advocacy*
Implementation mechanism

- **StatCom**
  - Provide guidance to the Task Group
  - Report to the StatCom
- **AGGES**
  - Coordinate and Monitor Implementation of Plan
  - Report at pre-decided intervals to AGGES
- **Task Group**
  - Implementing activities as per the APGS

**Implementing partners**
### APGS Implementing Partners

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Regional partnerships and coordination

1 - Development/Implementation of a Regional strategy on Gender Statistics

2 - Consultation at regional level between various Gender Statistics stakeholders in the continent – driven by Unwomen, AfDB and ECA

Phase two of the APGS 2017-2021:
To address challenges identified in the first APGS (2012-2016) & gender data issues resulting from SDGs and Agenda 2063.

Joint Regional workshops & Regional consultative meeting on GS
To discuss the national and regional priorities and capacities to monitor the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and other commitments from a gender perspective and opportunities for collaboration and the harmonization of efforts.
ECA initiatives on GS

1. Development of training materials

2. Training on various aspect of gender statistics

3. Technical support to member states

Online training toolkit on GS: [http://uneca.unssc.org/](http://uneca.unssc.org/)
- Promote continued capacity-building & learning on SG
- Enhance knowledge of users on production and use of GS

The Joint Africa index on gender equality: ECA and AfDB are working on producing a Joint Africa index on gender equality.

1 - Regional workshop on GS in Kampala in September 2017, to improve the use of existing data for monitoring gender equality and women’s empowerment in Africa. (DA Project )
2 - A regional workshop on methodology of the indicator on women’s representation in local government (SDG 5.5.1b), (With UNWomen))

3 – The Joint AfDB-UN Women-ECA Regional Workshop on Gender Statistics held in November 2017 in Dakar, to discuss the national and regional priorities and capacities to monitor the SDGs and other commitments from a gender perspective, as well as opportunities for collaboration and harmonization of efforts.

4 - Regional Consultative Meeting on Gender Statistics in Dakar in May 2018: (UNWomen/ ADB/ECA) to agree on activities and the modalities of collaboration between agencies in order to better support the implementation of GS programmes & activities, including APGS and MEWGC & improve GS regional level.

5 – A Series of Regional Meeting/Workshop on GS, 24-28 Sept. 2018, Abidjan, to enhance capacity of member states in the areas ( in part. UNWomen &AfDB)

National training workshop with producers and users of GS(Uganda, Burkina, Zimbabwe & Egypt)

Advisory mission on VAW & TUS (Zimbabwe)
**ECA recent initiatives on Gender Statistics**

1. **Storage**

   **Gender data portal**
   AfDB is developing a **Regional Gender Data Portal** that will consolidate data on key gender indicators from diverse sources such as national surveys from each African country, report data on gender indicators collected from its operations. The portal will be launched in 2018.

2. **Dissemination**

   **Knowledge & information-sharing platform**
   ECA developed a **Regional Knowledge & Information Sharing Platform in Africa**. It aims at promoting and improving the exchange and sharing of information on GS issues among partners and member countries. It will provide a platform for sharing research and other materials emanating from the various institutions at the national and regional levels with regard to their activities.
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Advocacy

Studies in various areas of gender statistics

Methodological research on gender issues

1 - Report on best practices on gender statistics
2 - Report on best practices in monitoring VAW
   They aim to fostering knowledge and experience sharing among member states in the areas of GS, including VAW.

African Women's Report on
   The socioeconomic costs of VAW in Africa, with a focus on intimate partner violence.

African Gender and Development Index:
   Measure the gap in the status of African men & women and in assessing the progress made by African Governments in implementing policies aimed at promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. The Index has 2 complementary parts: the Gender Status Index and the African Women's Progress Scoreboard.
   So far the number of countries covered by the Index is 40.

African Union Commission African Gender Scorecard
   ECA and AfDB provided technical assistance to the African Union Commission in the production of the 2016 & 2017 African Gender Scorecard.
Next step: Project on Gender Data Network

This project aims to Establish a Network of Gender Data Focal Points in selected African countries. (Data2X in partnership with ECA for 2 years)

Objectives:

➢ To Create a Network of Technically Gender Data Focal Points that can have immediate positive impact on the work of their organizations;

➢ To provide them with the tools to make rigorous arguments for the production and use of gender data; and

➢ To raise their profile and the profile of gender data as a whole.
Project on Gender Data Network

To Achieve objectives: The Network will Work with producers & users of GS to:

➢ **Identify priorities and to guide the improvement** of gender data in the priority areas through peer-to-peer learning, technical assistance, and training.

➢ **Identify/Understand challenges** that gender data focal points are facing in relation to production or use of gender data in these areas, including advocating for appropriate solutions, for example for training that meets the needs of data producers and users.

➢ **Explore innovative solutions** to address these challenges;
Project Outputs

➢ Meeting of the Network to identify common challenges and discuss possible solutions.

➢ Produce a strategic report summarizing the main challenges faced by Network members and the intended activities of the network to meet challenges.

➢ Meeting every six months will be held to Explore Innovative Solutions to Identified Challenges.

➢ Training, technical assistance, or peer-learning structured around the needs of Network members as identified in the strategic report.

➢ Establish a Central Online Platform embedded in Regional Knowledge & Information Sharing Platform.

➢ Advocacy/sensitization through Outreach to appropriate country stakeholders (Head of the NSOs & Ministers/Directors of Ministries) & reporting through StatCom-Africa or other regional meetings.)
Countries covered (15)

Botswana, Rwanda,
Cote d’Ivoire, Senegal,
Ethiopia, South Africa,
Ghana, Tanzania,
Kenya, Uganda,
Lesotho, Zambia and
Malawi, Zimbabwe,
Nigeria,
Thank you