Launching of PARIS21's Report on Gender Data Use in Policy Making

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Concept Note

PARIS21, the National Statistical Office of Georgia, and the United Nations Statistics Division are delighted to invite attendees of the 10th Global Forum on Gender Statistics to join them for the first official launch of the report and to engage with previously unasked questions around gender data use.

I. Context

Ensuring that gender data are translated into policy change is now as integral to strengthening gender data systems as the production of data itself. National and international actors alike have crowded in efforts to increase gender data use, focusing on data communication, aligning supply and demand, and strengthening data literacy. These actions mark a promising step forward in ensuring that investments in gender data are investments in gender equality.

Yet all too often, solutions for strengthening gender data use are sought solely inside the statistical system. This approach yields only technical fixes to a problem a that is as deeply rooted in power dynamics and social norms as it is in statistical capacity. To address this critical gap, PARIS21 is pleased to launch a new report, drawing on three years of research on gender data use in national policy making. **The report sheds light on previously unexplored dynamics of gender statistics within the wider political economy, while also re-examining known technical barriers to data use in new contexts and policy cases, illustrated through examples from across continents.**

The report is the first cross-country analysis developed from PARIS21's novel, collaborative research methodology piloted in **Kenya, Rwanda, the Maldives and Dominican Republic between 2023 and 2024**, in close collaboration with national statistical offices and national gender machineries. PARIS21 and their country partners assess how gender data are accessed, interpreted, and used in designing and implementing both gender-specific policies and mainstream sectoral policies in areas such as education, climate change, and ICT. The research resulted in numerous successful impact stories being identified.

By documenting these experiences at country level, participating partners have been able to develop actionable, country-specific recommendations to amplify gender data use, validated by national stakeholders working across data and policy-making processes.

II. Objectives

This side event aims to:

- Engage key gender data producers and users in critical discussions around gender data use in national policy;
- Demystify the relationship between official gender statistics and the wider political economy;
- Share diverse country experiences in gender data use in policy making;

- Facilitate discussion among national and international actors on how to maximise the impact of the report and further the discussion on gender data use in policy making.

III. Agenda

Time	Activity
5mins	**Welcome & Introduction**
5mins	**Opening Remarks**
10 mins	**Presentation of the report**
20mins	**Panel Discussion**
15mins	**Q&A**
5mins	**Closing Remarks**