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**Inter-Agency and Expert Group Meeting on the  
Development of Gender Statistics  
12-14 December 2006  
United Nations, New York**

## **Organization of work**

Tuesday, 12 December 2006	
<b>9:00 –10:00</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>10:00 –10:30</b>	<p><b>1. Opening</b>  Introductory remarks by the Director of UNSD (or his representative) and UNFPA  Purpose of the meeting  Selection of Chairs and Rapporteur</p>
<b>10:30 –13:00</b>	<p><b>2. The current state of gender statistics</b>  This session will examine progress to date in the availability of gender statistics and indicators for monitoring and planning. It will present a historical overview of accomplishments in mainstreaming a gender perspective into statistics and in the availability of gender statistics and indicators at the national and global levels. Key gaps and challenges will be also reviewed.</p> <p><i>Chair: Sonia Montaño, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</i>  <i>Rapporteur: John Curry, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</i></p>
<b>10:30 –12:00</b>	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p>a) The current state of gender statistics: Gaps and the way forward  - <i>Elisa Muñoz Franco, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)</i>  - <i>Joann Vanek, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)</i>  - <i>Lucia Fort, Gender and Development Group, PREM, World Bank</i></p> <p><b><i>Invited interventions</i></b></p> <p>b) National gender statistics capacities  - <i>Regional commissions and programmes</i>  - <i>National Institutions</i></p>
<b>12:00 –13:00</b>	<p><b>General discussion</b>  The discussion will focus on the gaps and challenges impeding progress at national, regional and international levels; with specific indications of priority areas (thematic, programme orientation, country needs, and data needs).</p>
<b>13:00 –15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>

<p><b>15:00 –18:00</b></p>	<p><b>3. Identifying effective strategies and approaches</b>  The session will review key tools and materials that have been particularly effective in enhancing capacity and improving the availability, quality and use of gender statistics at the national and global levels. It will identify key measures of success and examine some factors that have contributed to successes.</p> <p><i>Chair: Lina Castro, Philippines National Statistical Coordination Board</i>  <i>Rapporteur: Melinda Williams, Bermuda Department of Statistics</i></p>
<p><b>15:00 –17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p>a) Building capacity in the compilation of gender statistics  - <i>Grace Bediako, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)</i>  - <i>Manisha Sengupta, US Census Bureau</i></p> <p>b) Production of gender-sensitive data for thematic areas/sectors  - <i>John Curry, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</i>  - <i>Adriana Mata Greenwood, International Labour Office (ILO)</i>  - <i>Sulekha Patel, Development Data Group, World Bank</i></p> <p>c) Mainstreaming gender statistics in policy formulation and monitoring  - <i>Gulnara Febres, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Division, World Bank Institute</i>  - <i>Hanny Cueva Beteta, UNIFEM</i>  - <i>Maria Jose Alcalá, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</i></p>
<p><b>17:00 –18:00</b></p>	<p><b>General discussion</b>  National institutions, regional programmes and institutions, and development partners will report on their experiences in the use of available tools and materials. The discussion will address issues of sustainability and portability of programme initiatives at national and regional levels; review ways of enhancing the utilization of available tools and materials; and identify strategic approaches that could be adapted for implementation in selected areas of gender statistics.</p>
<p><b>18:00 –19:00</b></p>	<p><b>Reception</b></p>

**Wednesday, 13 December 2006**

**10:00 –13:00**

**4. Advancing gender statistics for poverty reduction strategies**

The session will review directions being taken to mainstream gender and gender statistics into poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSP), with a view to defining initiatives for advancing gender statistics for critical areas of gender concern, at the national, regional and global levels. Presenters will provide examples of work being done to incorporate gender into poverty measurement, poverty reduction processes and materials, and survey methods and practices, including living standards-type and other relevant surveys.

*Chair: Victoria Velkoff, US Census Bureau*

*Rapporteur: John Curry, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)*

**10:00 –12:00**

**Presentations**

- a) Gender and Poverty: Conceptual overview
  - *Sonia Montaña, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean*
- b) Poverty analysis
  - *Tacko Ndiaye, Economic Commission for Africa*
  - *Joyce Malaba, National Expert, Zimbabwe*
- c) Monitoring and Evaluation
  - *Sulekha Patel, Development Data Group, World Bank*
  - *María de la Paz López Barajas, UNIFEM*

**12:00 –13:00**

**General discussion**

The discussion will centre on the successes and challenges in mainstreaming gender and gender statistics into poverty reduction and related policy areas. Countries with poverty reduction strategies will report on their experiences. The main goal of the discussion will be to deliberate on the actions (including the development or dissemination of tools, guidelines and materials) needed to be taken in order to ensure that policy programmes such as PRSP incorporate a gender perspective from the outset.

**13:00 –15:00**

**Lunch break**

**15:00 –18:00**

### **5. Increasing accessibility and use of gender statistics**

The session will review major data initiatives currently underway that seek to improve availability, accessibility and use of gender statistics and indicators at the national, regional and global levels. Also of interest is how such initiatives are shaping national practices in data dissemination. Presentations will cover different forms in which gender statistics are being made accessible to users, changes in the data requirements and specifications of users, and the ways in which the growing demands are being met. Experiences from adaptations of data dissemination models such as DevInfo (for example in the form of MDGInfo and country-specific DevInfo), will be presented.

*Chair: Joann Vanek, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)*

*Rapporteur: Melinda Williams, Bermuda Department of Statistics*

**15:00 –17:00**

### **Presentations**

- a) Using available statistics to monitor progress towards gender equality
  - *Lale Say, World Health Organization*
  - *Juan Carlos Guzman, Gender and Development Group, PREM, World Bank*
- b) National dissemination initiatives
  - *Enaia Zidan, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics*
  - *Astghik Gyulbenkyan, National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia*
- c) Building partnerships in data dissemination at the regional and global levels
  - *Victoria Velkoff, on behalf of the Economic Commission for Europe*
  - *Sonia Montaña, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean*
  - *Francesca Coullare, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)*
- d) Developing a common dissemination platform
  - *Diego Rumiany, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)*

**17:00 –18:00**

### **General discussion**

Countries with national DevInfo platforms will report on their experiences. The discussion will consider avenues for improving coordination and collaboration, through specific inter-agency initiatives, in the dissemination of gender statistics and supporting materials, and capacity-building.

**Thursday, 14 December 2006**

**10:00 –13:00**

**6. Knowledge management and information sharing**

The session will review key activities, media and fora at the regional and global levels that have been particularly effective in promoting knowledge management and information sharing. Presenters will elaborate on key lessons from achievements and challenges, and particular aspects of the initiatives that have served to engage stakeholders' interest, participation and contribution in these arenas.

*Chair: Lara Badre, Lebanese Central Administration of Statistics*

*Rapporteur: John Curry, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)*

**10:00 –12:00**

**Presentations**

a) Media and fora

- *Marina Durano, UNIFEM*

- *Sonia Montaña, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean*

- *Victoria Velkoff, on behalf of the Economic Commission for Europe*

b) ICT solutions for knowledge management

- *Diego Rumiany, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)*

- *Johannes P. Lang, United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)*

***Invited interventions***

c) Experiences in knowledge management and information sharing

- *Regional institutions*

- *Development partners*

**12:00 –13:00**

**General discussion**

Regional institutions and development partners will report on their experiences with activities aimed at promoting knowledge management and information sharing. The discussion will provide some direction on the ways in which such initiatives may be strengthened and/or replicated in other regions; and identify additional tools and activities to further promote the expansion of the knowledge base.

<b>13:00 –15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>15:00 –16:00</b>	<p><b>7. Meeting global reporting requirements (Special interactive session)</b>  The special session will review and discuss a set of indicators to measure progress towards ending discrimination and violence against girls in key areas of concern. The indicators were selected at the Expert Group Meeting on The Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination and Violence against the Girl-child, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in collaboration with UNICEF, on 25-28 September 2006.</p> <p><i>Chair: Auxilia Ponga, Commonwealth Secretariat</i>  <i>Rapporteur: Melinda Williams, Bermuda Department of Statistics</i></p>
<b>15:00 –15:15</b>	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>a) Identification of data needs and indicators for measuring progress on major gender-related policy issues: the case of the girl child  - <i>Sylvie I. Cohen and colleagues, United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)</i></p>
<b>15:15 –16:00</b>	<p><b>General discussion</b>  Taking into account data availability, the discussion will identify a minimum list of indicators for recommendation to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Statistical Commission.</p>
<b>16:00 –18:00</b>	<p><b>8. Next steps and recommendations</b>  The objective of this session is to define priorities for advancing work on gender statistics at all levels, with particular emphasis on promoting inter-agency collaboration to support the promulgation of available methodological guidelines and their adoption by the relevant national offices; sharing of responsibilities; and setting milestones and time frames for the proposed activities. The recommendations will be based on suggestions culled from the deliberations of the previous sessions.</p>