

**Sixth Global Forum on Gender Statistics**  
**Statistics Finland and United Nations Statistics Division**  
**Helsinki, Finland, 24 to 26 October 2016**  
Venue: Säätytalo [House of the Estates](#), Snellmaninkatu 9-11  
**Concept Note and Agenda (as of 01 November 2016)**

## **Background**

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with Statistics Finland, is organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Gender Statistics under the *Global Gender Statistics Programme* and guidance from the Interagency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS)<sup>1</sup>.

Previous Forums<sup>2</sup> have been held in Italy (2007), Ghana (2009), the Philippines (2010), Jordan (2012) and Mexico (2014) and have brought together national statisticians and other governments' officials, women's advocates and policy experts, statistical experts from regional and internal organizations and researchers from academia and think-thanks. Forums have proven to be an important opportunity to take stock of progress towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment and to review data availability, data challenges and countries' capacities to measure and monitor gender-relevant issues. Forums are also the ideal venues to share and discuss initiatives and tools related to the collection, production, dissemination and use of gender statistics.

## **Topics to be covered**

In line with recommendations from previous Global Forums and other relevant meetings, and to address the increased demand for gender statistics that will result from the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Development Agenda, the 2016 Global Forum on Gender Statistics will focus on data and statistical methods for the follow up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators framework<sup>3</sup>, from a gender perspective.

In particular, the 2016 Global Forum will serve as a platform to take stock of innovative approaches, methods and initiatives to produce, analyse and use data to measure and monitor gender equality and women's empowerment in the following areas of concern:

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Reports and background documents of the previous 5 Global Forums are available at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/gender/global%20forum.html>

<sup>3</sup> Identified by the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDGs (IAEG-SDGs) and agreed by the UN Statistical Commission at its 47<sup>th</sup> session. For the SDG indicators list, see *Report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators*, available at [unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/2016-IAEG-SDGs-Rev1-E.pdf](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/2016-IAEG-SDGs-Rev1-E.pdf).

- I. women's economic empowerment (indicators for SDGs 1, 5, 8);
- II. violence against women (indicators for SDGs 5, 11, 16);
- III. time use statistics and unpaid work (indicators for SDG 5);
- IV. women's political participation (indicators for SDG 5)
- V. women's health (indicators for SDG 3, 5).

Each of the areas of concern/sessions listed above will be organized with: presentations on national experiences and best practices in producing gender statistics (mostly from National Statistical Offices-NSOs); presentations on how gender data are used (from data users, including policy makers); and presentations on innovative approaches/initiatives on how to improve gender statistics in terms of availability, quality, timeliness and use of data (from key stakeholders including regional and international organizations and researchers). Furthermore, presentations will cover/focus on one or more of the following themes:

- a. gender data gaps or availability of data, according to the indicators tier system<sup>4</sup> proposed by the international statistical community, and issues of international comparability;
- b. data challenges and countries' statistical capacities including in mainstreaming gender into national statistical systems and in improving coordination, availability and use of gender statistics;
- c. best practices for gender analysis;
- d. experiences in using different data sources, including administrative and geospatial information systems, and in integrating multiple sources for a more comprehensive and multivariate assessment of the situation of women compared to men;
- e. the use of data for monitoring the effectiveness/impact of gender equality and women's empowerment policies and programmes;
- f. progress towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment

Finally, in line with the principle of "leaving no one behind", the Forum will take stock of available tools for further data disaggregation for gender relevant SDG indicators to ensure that all women and girls, including the most vulnerable, are accounted for (disaggregation by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status and disability among other relevant characteristics).

### **Host country**

Statistics Finland will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Gender Statistics in Helsinki, Finland (venue House of the Estates (Säätytalo), Snellmaninkatu 9-11) from 24 to 26 October 2016.

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<sup>4</sup> Tier I indicators are indicators for which a methodology has been established and data are already widely available; Tier II indicators are indicators for which a methodology has been established but for which data are not easily available; Tier III indicators are indicators for which an internationally agreed methodology has not yet been developed (from paragraph 32 in the Report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators, available at [unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/2016-IAEG-SDGs-Rev1-E.pdf](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/2016-IAEG-SDGs-Rev1-E.pdf)).

## Other related events

The Inter-agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting (closed and by invitation only) on 23 October 2016, before the Global Forum (venue: conference room Jakovara 1 & 2 at the meeting centre of the Ministry of Finance, Mariankatu 9, Helsinki).

## Agenda: 6<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Gender Statistics (as of 01 November 2016)

<b>Monday, 01 November 2016</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Moderator/Chair</b>
8:45 – 9:30	Registration	
9:30 – 10:00	Opening remarks Statistics Finland – Ms. Marjo Bruun, Director General Statistics Finland UNSD – Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director United Nations Statistics Division (video)	Statistics Finland –
10:00 – 11:00	<b><i>High level Panel: Follow up and review of the 2030 Development Agenda from a gender lens: challenges and opportunities</i></b> Finland – Ms. Anne Lammila, Ambassador for Equality Issues OHCHR – Mr. Nicolas Fasel – Ensuring a human rights based approach in the follow up and review of the 2030 Development Agenda Mexico – Mr. Felix Velez, National Institute for Statistics and Geography – INEGI	UNSD – Ms. Keiko Osaki Tomita
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 16:00  (with lunch break at 13:00-14:00)	<b><i>Session 1: Measuring women’s economic empowerment</i></b> I. Measuring asset ownership and entrepreneurship from a gender perspective, and women’s engagement in agriculture a. EDGE project (UNSD – Ms. Lauren Pandolfelli) b. Pilot country (Statistics South Africa – Dr. Isabelle Schmidt) c. Women’s access to financial services in Jordan (Department of Statistics, Jordan – Ms. Manal Sweidan) d. Integrating gender into national agricultural surveys (FAO – Ms. Chiara Brunelli)  II. Measuring work in all its forms and gender pay and pension gaps (GPG): a. Guidelines to operationalize the definition of work adopted at the 19 <sup>th</sup> ICLS (ILO – Mr. Kieran Walsh) b. Pilot country (National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova – Mr. Vladimir Ganta) c. Women in the informal economy (WIEGO – Ms. Joann Vanek) d. GPG measures and the political debate in	Mexico – Mr. Felix Velez          World Bank – Ms. Caren Grown

	Switzerland (Swiss Federal Statistical Office FSO – Ms. Katja Branger )	
16:00 – 16:30	Break	
16:30 – 18:00	<b>Session 2: Measuring women in international migration</b> I. International migration flows of women and men from border control and records matching (National Statistics Office of Georgia – Mr Tengiz Tsekvava) II. Employment gender gap for migrant population (Statistics Finland – Ms. Hanna Sutela) III. Integrating gender into UNHCR statistics (UNHCR – Ms. Petra Nahmias)	UNSD – Ms. Keiko Osaki Tomita
18:30 – 19:30	Reception hosted by the City of Helsinki at <a href="#">Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13 (Directions to go from the Global Forum venue to the Reception venue)</a> .	
<b>Tuesday, 25 October 2016</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Moderator/Chair</b>
9:00 – 11:00	<b>Session 3: Measuring violence against women (VAW)</b> I. SDGs indicators on Violence against Women (UNSD – Ms. Francesca Grum) II. Adjusting statistical methods to measure VAW to comply with the SDGs framework (WHO – Ms. Avni Amin/ Ms. Doris Chou) III. Measuring femicide and harassment, the contribution from ICCS ( <i>International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes</i> )(UNODC – Mr. Enrico Bisogno) IV. Capturing discriminatory social institutions that increase women’s vulnerability and normalise violence against women – SIGI initiative (OECD – Ms. Gaëlle Ferrant) V. Measuring Violence against Women in Argentina (National Institute of Statistics – Ms. Cristina Massa)	Italy – Ms. Linda Laura Sabbadini
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Session 4: Measuring women’s political participation</b> I. Review of countries’ practices in measuring women’s political participation at the local level (UNWomen – Ms. Julie Ballington) II. Women’s political participation (Italian Statistical Institute ISTAT – Ms. Sara Demofonti) III. Changing Attitudes towards Gender Equality: Update from the World Values Survey (UNFPA – Ms. Mengjia Liang and Ms. Rachel Snow) IV. Monitoring the Participation of Women in Politics in Nigeria (Nigeria National Bureau of Statistics – Ms. Oluyemi Oloyede)	Finland (The Council for Gender Equality (TANE)) – Ms. Tanja Auvinen
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Lunch event organized by UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Women’s Economic Empowerment and Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs – Consultation in Helsinki</b>	World Bank – Ms. Caren Grown

	Panel Discussion: Ms. Isabelle Cardinal/Ms. Melinda Bohannon, DFID (TBC) Ms. Gaelle Ferrant, OECD-OCDE Ms. Joann Vanek, WIEGO Ms. Leena Linnainmaa, Finland Chamber of Commerce Ms. Minna Sneck, Ministry of Finance of Finland	
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Keynote Address from Honorable Tarja Halonen, Former President of the Republic of Finland</b>	Finland
15:00 – 16:30	<b>Session 5: Measuring and valuing time use and unpaid work</b> I. Update on the revision of ICATUS (UNSD – Ms. Harumi Shibata Salazar) II. CES Task Force on valuing unpaid household service work (UK Office for National Statistics – Mr. Dominic Webber); III. Household Satellite Account (Statistics Finland – Ms. Katri Soinne) IV. Evaluation of Household Production using Satellite Accounts (HSA) for Macroeconomic Policies in Ghana (Ghana Statistical Service – Ms. Bernice Serwah Ofosu-Baadu)	UNSD – Ms. Francesca Grum
16:30 – 17:00	Break	
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Session 6: Using administrative data and geospatial information systems for gender data</b> (plus integrating multiple data sources)  I. Gender Atlas-use of geospatial information to produce gender statistics (National Institute for Statistics and Geography – INEGI Mexico – Mr. Felix Velez ) II. Women’s housework decreases fertility- Evidence from a longitudinal study among Finnish couples (Population Research Institute Finland – Ms. Anna Rotkirch, Ms. Anneli Miettinen) III. Use of administrative registers for producing gender statistics in Denmark (Statistics Denmark – Ms. Annemette Lindhardt Olsen)	UNEP – Ms. Ludgarde Coppens
<b>Wednesday, 26 October 2016</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Moderator/Chair</b>
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Sessions 7: SDGs: gender indicators framework and data disaggregation - Leaving no one behind</b> I. Constructing a system for gender indicators (Brazilian Statistical Institute IBGE – Ms. Barbara Cobo) II. A Framework and Indicators for Gender Equality and Health in the Americas (PAHO – Ms. Anna Coates) III. Considering population diversity in Canada through gender-based analysis (Statistics Canada – Ms. Julie Sauvé)	WHO – Dr. Veronica Magar

	<p>IV. Producing inclusive gender statistics in Ireland (Ireland Central Statistics Office – Ms. Helen Cahill)</p> <p>V. Gender Statistics Information System in Korea (Korean Women's Development Institute (KWDI) – Mr. Ki-Taek Jeon and Mr. Geon Pyo Park)</p>	
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 8: Recent international initiatives on gender statistics - filling the gender data gaps</b></p> <p>I. The new platform for the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators (UNSD – Ms. Haoyi Chen)</p> <p>II. Data2X: A gender data revolution to achieve gender equality (Data2X – Ms. Mayra Buvinic)</p> <p>III. Openness, use and impact of gender data (Open Data Watch – Ms. Shaida Badiee)</p> <p>IV. UNECE reporting on gender statistics activities, progress and regional challenges (UNECE – Ms. Fiona Willis-Núñez)</p> <p>V. International agencies reporting on gender initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN Women (Mr. Papa Seck)</li> <li>• EIGE (Ms. Ligia Nobrega)</li> <li>• UNICEF (Ms. Priscilla Idele)</li> </ul> <p>VI. Report on the outcomes of the 10<sup>th</sup> IAEG-GS Meeting (Chair: Ms. Marjut Pietiläinen)</p>	UNSD – Ms. Keiko Osaki Tomita
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Conclusions and Closing remarks</p> <p>UNSD – Ms. Francesca Grum</p> <p>Statistics Finland – Ms. Marjut Pietiläinen</p>	