

(Draft) Terms of Reference of the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues

6th Meeting of the Interagency and
Expert Group on Gender Statistics
(IAEG-GS)

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Background

- Over the years, several new gender issues have gained increasing importance for public policy.
- Consequently, the demand for monitoring emerging and unaddressed gender or women's empowerment issues has increased.
- At its 5th ,meeting in October 2011 (New York) meeting, the IAEG-GS recognized that this demand can not always be addressed by existing data.
- Underlining that in some cases there is a need to develop new conceptual and measurement frameworks.
- To that end, the group agreed to establish a new advisory group on emerging issues.

Objective

- Examine emerging and unaddressed existing key gender issues, in order to:
 - identify data gaps,
 - measurement problems, and
 - develop strategies to address these issues in the development of gender statistics.

Tasks

- propose strategies for the undertaking of methodological work on indicators in tiers 2 and 3 of the minimum set of indicators, including for the development of metadata and data collection mechanisms;
- identify key emerging issues and unaddressed existing key gender and women's empowerment issues, establish priorities and suggest the way forward;
- review experiences and best practices on emerging issues.

(Some of the) Emerging issues identified

- Ageing and social security
- Crime and victimization
- Decision making and the role of women
(including political participation at all levels of
public life)
- Environment and climate change
- Impact of ICT on women's empowerment

(Some of the) Emerging issues identified

- Improvement of statistics on entrepreneurship
- Poverty and indigenous populations
- Social norms and attitudes
- Time use
- Violence against women

Proposed activities

- Survey to National Statistical Offices (NSOs) to suggest priorities among proposed emerging issues.
- Evaluation of emerging issues on which to concentrate.
- Survey to NSOs to gather information on data collection experiences on selected key issues.

Proposed activities

- Review best practices and country experiences on selected issues.
- Match selected issues with indicators proposed for tiers 2 and 3 of the minimum set of indicators.
- Suggest strategies to undertake methodological work on data collection mechanisms needed to estimate the selected indicators.

Communication

- The members Advisory Group will keep virtual communication via e-mail.
- Explore the creation of a Virtual Discussion Forum –to be generated- for posting comments, suggestions, and documents.
- The Chairs will submit communications in order to organize the work program and establish commitments.
- Observers may participate in all fora, receive all communications and make comments and suggestions to the Group.

Membership

- Co-Chairs: Philippines/Mexico
- Secretariat: UNSD
- Members:
 - Egypt
 - Jordan
 - India
 - Czech Republic
 - World Bank
- OECD

Expected duration

- The Advisory Group will conduct its activities starting February 2012 and until completion of its tasks. An initial duration of 2 years (February 2012 - February 2014) is expected.