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

6th Meeting of the Interagency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS)
Jordan, March 25-26, 2012
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 cannot 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.
Membreship

• 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.