Work Programme
Day 1: Tuesday, 27 March

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening Session

*Opening remarks*  Dr. Paul Cheung, Director
United Nations Statistics Division

Dr. Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA)

*Keynote address*  Mr. Fathi Al-Nsour, Director General
Department of Statistics of Jordan

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tea Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. High-level panel on mainstreaming gender into the national statistical system, Chair: Ms. Francesca Perucci, UNSD

Panelists:
Dr. Donya Ahmed, Acting General Director of Policies & Development, Bahrain Supreme Council for Women
Ms. Linda Laura Sabbadini, Director of Social and Environment Statistics, Italian National Institute of Statistics
Ms. Lina Castro, Assistant Secretary General, Philippines National Statistical Coordination Board

Discussion

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Session 1: Measuring economic empowerment of women

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Panel 1.a. Measurement of poverty, women’s participation in the labour force, and access to economic and financial resources, Chair: Ms. Sulekha Patel, World Bank

Panellists:
Omani Women in Labor Market (Ms. Kauthar Hammed AL-Farsi, Oman)
Poverty and Labor Force Statistics in the United States (Ms. Marcella Jones-Puthoff, U.S.)
Measuring Women Status and Gender Statistics in Cambodia (Ms. Hang Lina, Cambodia)
Economic Empowerment of Women in Japan (Ms. Shizuka Takamura, Japan)

Discussant: Mr. Papa Seck, UN-Women

Discussion

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tea Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Panel 1.b Women in rural areas, women’s employment in informal sector and informal employment, and unpaid work, Chair: Ms. Lara Cavalcanti, Brazil

Panellists:
Employment and Gender Differences in the Informal Economy (Ms. Valentina Stoevska, ILO)
Day 2: Wednesday, 28 March

Session 2: Measuring women’s autonomy and physical empowerment

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Panel 2.a Gender based violence and women in vulnerable situations, Chair: Ms. Lina Castro, Philippines
   Panellists:
   Guidelines for Producing Statistics on Violence against Women (Ms. Francescs Grum, UNSD)
   Gender Based Violence - An experience of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (Ms. Stella Nassolo, Uganda)
   Violence Survey in the Palestinian Territory, 2011 (Mr. Khalid Abukhalid, Palestine)
   Empowerment of Palestine Refugee Women (Ms. Weam Al- Madi, UNRWA)
   Discussant: Dr. Dipankar Roy, Bangladesh
   Discussion

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tea Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Panel 2.b. Political empowerment of women and women’s autonomy, Chair: Ms. Neda Jafar, UNESCWA
   Panellists:
   Political Empowerment of Women and Women’s Autonomy in Italy (Ms. Sara Demofonti, Italy)
   Political Empowerment and Autonomy of Women in India (Mr. Dhrijesh K. Tiwari, India)
   Measuring Women’s Empowerment and Women’s Autonomy in the Philippines (Ms. Lina Castro, Philippines)
   Women’s Empowerment in Brazil (Ms. Lara Cavalcanti, Brazil)
   Discussant: Ms. Manal Sweidan, Jordan
   Discussion

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Session 3: Measuring empowerment of young women and adolescent girls

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Panel 3: Measuring empowerment of young and adolescent girls, Chair: Ms. Mylen Mahobe, Malawi
   Panellists:
Innovative Approach of I-WISH Adolescent girls Iraq Country Experience (Mr. Dhyaa Kadhum, Iraq)
Early Marriage in Yemen (Mr. Khaled Al-Madani, Yemen)
Development of National Gender Statistics System on Domestic Violence in Kyrgyz Republic (Ms. Larisa Illibezova, Kyrgyzstan and Ms. Nurgul Kinderbaeva, UNFPA-Kyrgyzstan)
An overview about the use of statistic on adolescents and young women in Costa Rica, Latin America: the experience of the National Council of Youth (Mr. Jorge Segura, Costa Rica)
Early Marriage in Sudan (Ms. Nadia Bashary, Sudan)
Ending FGM/C through Evidence Based Advocacy in Sudan (Dr. Nafisa M. Bedri, Sudan)
Discussant: Mr. Edilberto Loaiza, UNFPA

Day 3: Thursday, 29 March

Session 4: Measuring knowledge and information empowerment of women

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Panel 4 Measuring knowledge and information empowerment of women, Chair, Ms. Rawia ElBatrawi, Egypt
Panellists:
Women in Science (Ms. Rosario Garcia Calderon, UNESCO/UIS)
Enhancing Women's Empowerment through Education (Ms. Aerina Kim, Republic of Korea)
Society of Knowledge Economy: Gender Differences in Education and Science in China (Ms. Wei Liu, China)
Gender Equality in Science – Arab Region (Ms. Neda Jafar, UNESCWA)
Discussant: Ms. Patricia Eweama, Nigeria
Discussion

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tea Break

Session 5: Emerging issues and international work on gender statistics (organized by UNSD)

11:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Panel 5a: Emerging issues on gender statistics,
Co-Chair: Mr. Jose Antonio Mejia Guerra, Mexico/Ms. Lina Castro, Philippines
Panellists:
Terms of Reference of the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues (Mr. Jose Antonio Mejia Guerra, Mexico)
EDGE Initiative (Mr. Papa Seck, UN-Women)
Measuring the Protection Space around Women and Girls (Ms. Luisa Cremonese, UNHCR)
Discussion

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Panel 5b: International work on gender statistics
Chair: Ms. Valentina Stoevska, ILO
Minimum Set of Gender Indicators (Ms. Yongyi Min, UNSD)
Update on the Status of the Gender Statistics Manual (Ms. Yongyi Min, UNSD)
Preliminary results of the global review - Regional Commissions:
Mr. Andres Vikat, UNECE
Mr. Raj Gautam Mitra, UNECA
Ms. Sharita Serrao, UNESCAP
Ms. Neda Jafar, UNESCWA

Discussion

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Tea Break**

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Summary discussions and recommendations**

a) Summary of the discussion of the Forum
Ms. Francesca Perucci, UNSD

b) Recommendations and future work
Ms. Francesca Perucci, UNSD