

Summary Report of the 11 September 2013 Meeting of the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues

Date: 11 September 2013
Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Venue: 2 United Nations Plaza (DC2)
23rd floor conference room

Participants:

Brazil (Ana Lucia Saboia)
Egypt (Wafaa Maged)
India (Dhrijesh Tiwari)
Jordan (Manal Sweidan)
Mexico (Felix Velez)
Philippines (Lina Castro)

ESCAP (Sharita Serrao)
FAO (Chiara Brunelli)
ILO (Valentina Stoevska)
OECD (Mario Piacentini)
UN Women (Papa Seck)
World Bank (Masako Hiraga)
UNSD (Haoyi Chen, Francesca Grum,
Linda Hooper)

Summary of meeting:

The co-chairs, Philippines and Mexico, opened the meeting.

The existing **Terms of Reference (ToR)** of the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues were discussed. It was suggested to:

- a) request the IAEG-GS to extend the duration of the Advisory Group on Emerging Issues to February 2016
- b) review the list of issues included in the ToR and make the distinction between issues and indicators
- c) prioritize the future work of the group

The work of the group and the proposal on the **Reconciliation of indicators for Violence against women (VaW)** was presented by UNSD. The main points of discussion were:

- a) Clarification on why indicator 48 combines physical and sexual violence whereas indicator 49 separates the two dimensions.
 - *For consistency, it was decided to also separate indicator 48 into physical violence and sexual violence.*
- b) Question on the use of “ever-partnered”
 - The reference population should be women who were in a relationship (partnership) in the last 12 months
 - Recommended to include metadata explaining what are the denominator and numerator.
- c) ILO is working on guidelines for violence in the workplace
- d) ESCAP suggested including information on the pro/con of using the UNECE Module as a stand alone survey versus as an add-on to an existing survey.
- e) India inquired about the suggested frequency of dedicated surveys on violence against women.

UNSD, UN Women and FAO updated the group on the EDGE project.