

# The 13<sup>th</sup> Inter-Agency and Expert Group Meeting on Gender Statistics

## ECA initiatives on gender statistics



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# Context

## Africa Programme on gender statistics

**Gender Statistics** at ECA are implemented within the framework of the ***African Programme on Gender Statistics (APGS)***

**Purpose of APGS:** The main objective of the APGS is to:

- **Increase the availability** of **quality, timely and comparable** gender statistics at the national, regional and international levels in Africa
- **Bring all efforts aiming** to improve gender statistics in Africa under one umbrella programme (As these Efforts in Africa were **disjointed, project based, ad-hoc** & did not bring about sustainable improvement
- **Make best use of scarce resources**, as Many agencies and stakeholders undertaking same or similar activities



# Africa Programme on gender statistics

- ❖ **Phase 1 (2012 -2016):** adopted by the Statistical Commission (**StatCom**) for Africa held in January 2012

*The StatCom has requested the Africa Group on Gender Statistics (AGGES) to:*

- » Coordinate its implementation
- » Report on the progress of implementation of APGS in each of its sessions
- » ECA is the Secretariat for both the AGGES and the APGS

- ❖ **Phase 2 (2017 -2021):** aligned to SDGs data and methodological issues requirement



# APGS Strategy

A set of strategies are identified for achieving the objective of APGS. These include:

1. ***Regional partnership and coordination***
2. ***Capacity building and research***
3. ***Reporting and dissemination*** of **GS** at the country and regional levels
4. ***Advocacy***

# ECA recent initiatives on GS

## Regional Workshop on Coordination Mechanisms of GS (UNWOMEN, AUC, AfDB, Data2X and the AGGS)

**Objectives:** Improve the capacity on standards and principles for effective Coordination of GS at national and regional level:

- Discuss & share experience on GS coordination at national & regional level
- Discuss challenges related to the coordination of GS & how to address them
- Come up with a road map on the improvement of coordination of GS



# ECA recent initiatives on Gender Statistics

## **Expert Group Meeting on gender Statistics (UNWOMEN, AUC, AfDB, Data2X and the AGGS )**

### **Objectives:**

- Review and endorse various work undertaken by the GS stakeholders in Africa;
- Discuss ongoing initiatives that are contributing to the improvement of GS in the continent; and
- Identify challenges member states are facing in filling data gap in GS and find the ways to address these challenges.

# ECA recent initiatives on GS

## The meeting of the AGGS on the Minimum Set of Indicators for Africa Under the leadership of UNWOMEN

A Regional consultative meeting that will bring together the major African gender statistics stakeholders to discuss and refine the draft framework and minimum core set of gender statistics and indicators for Africa, called *Minimum Set of Indicators for Africa (MSGIA)*.

It is an outcome of the first Regional GS workshop held by the African APGS in Dakar in 2017, that request ECA, AfDB and UN-Women to work in partnership to develop a MSGIA under the leadership of UN-Women.



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## The first meeting of the Gender Data Network (GDN)

ECA/Data2X initiated a project aiming to improve production & use of GS within NSSs through the creation of a **Network of Gender Data Focal Points** that can have immediate positive impact on the work of their organizations; **The main goal of the project** is to:

- Raise the standard of gender data production to better link with demand for these data,
- Improve the effectiveness of communication of and about GS data;
- Encourage its use across participating countries;

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## The first in person meeting of the Gender Data Network (GDN)

The GDN meeting will allow:

- Understanding and identification of common challenges and gaps in the production, dissemination and use of GS in member countries;
- Innovative solutions to address challenges & data gaps identified;
- Have a Work plans for the Gender Data Network and Terms of Reference
- of its members for implementation of the work of the project of the Network;
- List of agreed Prioritized Network activities;



## **ECA recent initiatives on GS**

### **National training workshop for data users and producers to address challenges in the compilation and dissemination of gender sensitive information.**

- **The workshop seeks to** address how gender data could be communicated more effectively and used to influence policy and advocate on gender issues.
- It will bring together persons responsible for gender issues, statistics and policy from selected MDAs, producers and users of gender statistics from planning and statistical units, and gender advocates from Civil Society Organizations and other key stakeholder institutions.

# ECA recent initiatives on GS

## Technical support to selected African countries in preparation for their 2020 VNR.

- Technical assistance mission in the Seychelles in order is to assist the country in its efforts to produce relevant gender statistics.
- The first step of the support will focus on the assessment of the National Statistics Systems (NSSs) from a gender lens with the view to ensuring that statistics needed for the Monitoring of of SDGs 5 and other gender related goals are available.



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Thank you