

11th Meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics

ECA capacity building activities in Gender statistics

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Context

- **Gender Statistics** at ECA is 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

Context

❖ **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

Implementing partners

Regional Institutions	UN Agencies	Other Institutions
UNECA	UN Women	RECs
AfDB	UNDP	Statistical Training Centres
AUC	UNFPA	Others.....
AFRISTAT	UNICEF	
	WHO	
	World Bank	
	OECD	
	Others.....	

II - Capacity building

This is undertaken through *Development of Training materials (guidelines and tool)*,
Training workshops, Advisory missions

Training Materials

1 - Online training toolkit on gender statistics: *Developed by ECA in collaboration with the UN System Staff College.* It is meant to contribute to

- **Promote continued capacity-building & learning** by producers and users of SG
- **Enhance knowledge of users on production and use of gender statistics** (Planning for GS, Producing GS (Mod 3A Engendering existing data sources & 3B: Equitania TUS) and Communicating and Using Gender Statistics as a Tool for Change)

2 - Gender statistics toolkit on women in informal cross-border trade in Africa:
Objective: *to assist African countries to collect, analyse and report on statistics on “Women in informal cross-border trade in Africa”.*

II - Capacity building

3 - Manual for countries to conduct an assessment and develop national GS:

The document aims to provide countries with guidance on development and implementation of gender statistics programmes (document under revision).

4 - The Joint Africa index on gender equality:

ECA developed the *African Gender and Development Index (AGDI)*, a composite index whose primary objective is to provide African countries with an *accurate gender-accountability tool to implement and assess their progress against* their commitment.

In 2015, *AfDB* launched also *the Africa Gender Equality* Index, whose aim is similar to the one of AGDI.

At the request of member States, the two organizations have started working together on producing the *joint Africa index on gender equality*. The first publication of the joint index is expected in 2018.

II Capacity building

Training workshops:

1 - Regional training workshop: to improve use of existing data for monitoring gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa.

This workshop aimed to strengthen capacity of member states and consequently enable them to revitalize the availability and improvement of gender indicators in Africa. It is part of activities undertaken within the United Nations Development account programme on statistics and data.

2 - Regional training workshop on the online gender statistics toolkit

aiming to demonstrate and introduce the on-line training toolkit on GS to participants and to provide training on the toolkit

II Capacity building

Training workshops:

3 - ECA and UnWomen jointly convened a workshop on “Measuring Women’s Representation in Local Government in the ECA region (SDG 5.5.1b). The workshop aimed to:

(i) Discuss (a) UN Women-led research on local government and (b) local government organization in the region and (c) their implications for a standardized, global measurement of women’s representation in local government;

(ii) Provide input on the methodology of SDG Indicator 5.5.1b, including definitions and terms related to local government, calculation of the indicator and data sources and discuss the relevance of the indicator in the ECA region; and

(iii) Reflect on the mechanism for regional and global monitoring of SDG indicator 5.5.1b, including (a) the role of key national actors in data collection and reporting, (b) the use of standardized data request forms for regional and global reporting, and (c) the method for calculating regional and global averages of the indicator.

II Capacity building

Training workshops:

4 - National Training Workshop on Gender Statistics in Uganda:

The main objective of this national training workshops is to strengthen capacity of statistical offices in communicating their statistics, in particular for selected Tier I indicators (SDG 3, 4, 5, 8), to different user groups and to improve gender statistics literacy of data users (DA 10)

II Capacity building

Futur Activities

- Regional workshop to **review the APGS, African gender index and launching the UNWomen Flagship Programme initiative** at regional level: ***Making Every Women and Girl Count***
- National Training **Workshop on Gender Statistics on user producer collaboration and communication**, in 3 countries:
- ***A Regional training workshops on statistics and indicators to measure Violence Against Women (VAW) and time use survey (TUS)*** , particularly domestic violence and caring activities

II Capacity building

Futur Activities

- Technical assistance missions to support statistics on Violence Against Women and Time Use Survey in selected country;
- Regional assessment of African country preparedness for monitoring of SDGs and Agenda 2063 from a gender perspective (2018); (A Recommendation of stat-com Africa that will involve a comprehensive review of national gender statistics to see their ability to produce data needed for the monitor of SDG gender and Agenda 2063 related goals and targets as well as supporting political, legal, institutional framework).

Thank you