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Item 3 (h) of the provisional agenda-Gender Statistics

Items for discussion and decision: Gender Statistics

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Statement provided by:

Stats NZ

Overview:

provides a summary of recent activities undertaken by the Statistics Division and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics under the Global Gender Statistics Programme to strengthen gender data in support of progress towards gender equality and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals. In particular, the report provides an update on the development of guidelines to improve the production of time-use data, in collaboration with a group of subject-matter experts and as requested by the Commission in its decisions 48/109 (see E/2017/24) and 51/115 (see E/2020/24), introducing a minimum harmonized instrument for time-use data collection, quality considerations for time-use surveys and options to modernize time-use data production. The report also provides information on the outcomes of the eighth Global Forum on Gender Statistics and the conclusions of recent meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group, including a revised minimum set of gender indicators; a call for a global survey of gender statistics programmes to assess progress since 2012, when the most recent survey on the topic was conducted; and a proposal for the integration of a gender perspective into the work of the Commission

Action Taken by the Statistical Commission:

- (a) To endorse the work of the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics, including the E/CN.3/2022/12 12/17 21-18395 minimum harmonized instrument for time-use data collection, quality considerations for time-use surveys and options to modernize time-use data production, as the core components of the upcoming update of the United Nations guidelines for producing time-use statistics in an efficient way while promoting international comparability;
- (b) To approve the proposed future plans of the Statistics Division and the Expert Group to finalize the United Nations guidelines and build country capacity in the area of time-use statistics; and to express interest in using the proposed methods, including through the piloting of the minimum harmonized instrument;
- (c) To provide guidance on how to integrate a gender perspective into all the agenda items of the Commission (decision 51/115); to recall the central role of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics on all matters related to gender statistics and welcome the Group's initial discussions on the topic; and to request the Group to report back in 2024 on its proposed plan and recommendations on how to implement and monitor implementation of the decision, based on pilot work on selected areas undertaken in collaboration with other subject-matter groups;
- (d) To take note of and support other work priorities of the Statistics Division and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group under the umbrella of the Global Gender Statistics Programme, including a second global survey of national gender statistics programmes and the

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organization of the ninth Global Forum on Gender Statistics; and to request countries to express their interest in hosting the Forum.

Statement:

StatsNZ commends the work undertaken by the Statistics Division and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics under the Global Gender Statistics Programme to strengthen gender data in support of progress towards gender equality and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals. StatsNZ has had various involvement in gender statistics, through the Pacific Gender Statistics Coordination group and many of the topics touch on things we are either already doing or currently implementing such as the Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) and the General Social Survey (GSS).

Since the June 2020 quarter, Stats NZ has, via its HLFS, provided some analysis and commentary about labour market outcomes for women resulting from COVID-19. Moreover, during the COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand, particularly during lockdowns, the Ministry of Health has run a Health and Wellbeing Pulse Survey. This has enabled frequent updates on the social impacts of lockdowns and different alert levels on individuals and households.

StatsNZ acknowledges and supports the work of the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics. StatsNZ in coordination with the Ministry for Women ran a Time-Use survey in 2009 but has not done one since. We support the minimum harmonized instrument for time-use data collection, quality considerations for time-use surveys and options to modernize time-use data production, as the core components of the upcoming update of the United Nations guidelines for producing time-use statistics in an efficient way while promoting international comparability.

While international reporting and contributing to the global narrative is highly important, New Zealand (Stats NZ) tends to prioritise domestic customer data/information needs (as distinct from updated international standards), including addressing gaps in Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa and the Living Standards Framework, when it comes to supplementary/additional information. These are usually carried out in such a way that aligns with international best practice, be it from the ILO, UN, or OECD.

StatsNZ supports the Group's report back in 2024 on its proposed plan and recommendations on how to implement and monitor implementation of the decision, based on pilot work on selected areas undertaken in collaboration with other subject-matter groups;

StatsNZ takes note of and supports other work priorities of the Statistics Division and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group under the umbrella of the Global Gender Statistics Programme, including a second global survey of national gender statistics programmes and the organization of the ninth Global Forum on Gender Statistics

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