I. INTRODUCTION

The Statistical Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is planning to hold a sub-regional workshop on gender statistics in Tbilisi, Georgia on 27-29 September 2010. The workshop is organized in cooperation with the National Statistics Office of Georgia and the country offices of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and with financial support from the World Bank Institute.

II. PURPOSE

The workshop is organised under the auspices of the Capacity Building Programme on Engendering National Statistical Systems for a Knowledge-Based Policy Formulation, carried out by the UNECE Statistical Division and funded by the World Bank Institute. The aim of the project is to assist national statistical offices in improving production, analysis and dissemination of gender-sensitive statistics for the purpose of social and economic analysis. The project includes the organization of national, sub-regional and regional workshops that aim at mainstreaming gender into all aspects of national statistical systems, and training statisticians, policymakers and other users of gender statistics. A number of workshops on gender statistics have been organized in the countries of Central Asia and South-eastern Europe.

The goal of the sub-regional workshop in Tbilisi is to review the process of collecting, processing and disseminating statistics in selected areas and to identify actions to be taken to make the process more gender-relevant, through training and discussion among users and producers of gender statistics from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

III. AGENDA

The programme of the workshop will consist of the following topics:

1. Advocacy for gender statistics;
2. Violence against women;
3. Reconciliation of family and work life;
4. Gender and population sub-groups;
5. Informal employment from gender perspective.

IV. LANGUAGES

The working languages of the workshop are English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided between these two languages.
V. PARTICIPATION

Participants from national statistical offices (a separate invitation letter has been sent to the national statistical offices) as well as users of gender statistics are invited to the workshop. The users are expected to be professionals involved in the use of gender statistics for policy formulation. They could come from ministries and other government agencies that deal with labour, social affairs, health, economy, internal affairs. Users of gender statistics from other state agencies, councils or non-governmental organizations that work on gender issues are also welcome. Participants must be able to contribute at a national, regional or local level to the dissemination of knowledge received at the workshop and must be able to feed the results into their future work.

The travel and accommodation expenses of up to two participants from a national statistical office and up to two users of gender statistics will be covered by the project. This includes a round trip air ticket, transportation from and to the airport in Tbilisi, visa costs, accommodation and full course of catering service.

VI. HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should send a cover letter of up to 300 words explaining how they use gender statistics for their work and providing their name, affiliation, position, country, telephone number and email address to social.stats@unece.org by 19 July 2010.