

UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics

(Geneva, Switzerland, 26-28 April 2010)

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA*

The Work Session will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 09:30 a.m. on Monday, 26 April 2010, in Room V

I. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Welcoming remarks, adoption of the agenda and election of officers.
2. Gender differences in economic security
 - (a) Gender Pay Gap
 - (b) Other issues related to gender differences in economic security
3. Gender analysis of key Census topics: experience with the previous census round and plans for 2010 Census round
4. Emerging issues in gender statistics
 - (a) Time-use surveys
 - (b) New tools for data visualisation and dissemination
 - (c) Measuring Violence Against Women
 - (d) Environment and climate change from a gender perspective
5. Future work
6. Information session
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closing of the meeting.

* Documents for the meeting may be downloaded from the following website:
<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2010.04.gender.htm> Delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of documents with them, as no paper copies will be made available in the meeting room.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The Work Session is open to representatives of all member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Representatives of other Member States of the United Nations, specialized agencies of the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may also participate in a consultative capacity, according to the terms of reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.3, paras. 11, 12 and 13). All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization.

2. All documents for the meeting will be available at the following website:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2010.04.gender.htm>

3. The meeting will be followed by a sub-regional Workshop “*Measuring Violence Against Women*” on 29-30 April 2010. More information on this workshop is available on the following website: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2010.04.vaw.htm>

Item 1. Welcoming remarks, adoption of the agenda and election of officers

4. The Meeting is expected to adopt its agenda and to elect its Chairperson.

Item 2. Session I. Gender differences in economic security

5. The global financial crisis has emphasized the need for up-to-date statistics in order to measure the impact on the economy, businesses and individuals. The crisis has affected areas and groups differently, highlighting the need for disaggregated information and thorough analysis. This session will look at the availability of information on different issues related to economic security and empowerment of women. The session will consider how this information is being analysed and used to inform policy making and strategies to increase economic stability.

(a) Gender Pay Gap

6. The meeting will discuss the different methods used in estimating the Gender Pay Gap and the related issues.

(b) Other issues related to gender differences in economic security

7. The session will look at other issues related to economic security like women entrepreneurship, gender statistics in economic downturn, feminization of bad jobs, distribution of income within households, etc.

Item 3. Session II. Gender analysis of key Census topics: experience with the previous census round and plans for the 2010 Census round

8. The 2010 round of Population and Housing Censuses provides an opportunity for countries to strengthen gender mainstreaming across the national statistical system. This session will provide participants with an opportunity to share experiences in gender analysis of census data and discuss the successes and challenges to date with a view to formulating proposals for gender analysis of key census topics.

Item 4. Session III. Emerging issues in gender statistics

9. The international goal of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women is multi-faceted, covering a range of areas beyond the Millennium Development Goal indicators of education, employment and decision making. This session will consider different aspects related to emerging issues, spanning from the use of new technology to dealing with issues with climate change from gender perspective.

(a) Time use surveys

10. Time-use surveys collect information on how people allocate their time among different types of activities during the day, and provide a detailed picture of people's daily lives. In gender statistics, time use surveys represent a useful source of information to show the different patterns of time-allocation associated with gender and to highlight roles and conditions of women and men in family and social life. This sub-session will invite participants to share their experience in conducting time-use surveys and to present the main findings.

(b) New tools for data visualization and dissemination

11. Gender statistics provide information about the differences between women and men. But statistics can often be difficult to use and complicated to explain and understand unless user-friendly data visualization and dissemination tools are used. This sub-session will give the floor to the participants to share their experiences about data dissemination tools, challenges and achievements in this field.

(c) Measuring Violence Against Women (VAW)

12. Accurate and comparable data on violence against women are needed to understand the problem and its nature, and to develop appropriate policies, legislation and services for women affected by violence. This sub-session will look at the current work related to measuring VAW and provide participants with the opportunity to share information on related work undertaken in their offices.

(d) Environment and climate change from a gender perspective

13. The environment and climate change are becoming increasingly important issues at the global and national level. As a relatively new field of statistics, this session will give participants the chance to exchange experiences on how gender differences are being integrated into the production and use of environment statistics and how this need to be highlighted and addressed.

Item 5. Future work

14. The meeting is invited to discuss the possible organisation of a future work session on gender statistics and propose topics to be considered at the meeting.

Item 6. Information Session

- (a) UNECE Gender Statistics Database - update and feedback on 2010 Gender Questionnaire.
- (b) “Developing Gender Statistics – A Practical Tool” – progress in finalizing the Manual and submitting it for adoption to the Conference of the European Statisticians (CES)
- (c) Steering Group on Gender statistics - progress of work.

Item 7. Adoption of the report

15. A short report outlining the conclusions and decisions taken at the meeting will be presented for adoption before the meeting adjourns.

Item 8. Closing of the meeting
