

Workshop on Developing Entrepreneurship Statistics by Gender in Armenia
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Organized in cooperation with the National Statistical Service (NSS) of the Republic of Armenia, with financial support from the United Nations Development Account and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

CONCEPT NOTE

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Task Force on Indicators of Gender Equality has consolidated and systematized statistical indicators of gender equality into a set of indicators recommended for use in CES member countries. A recent review of data availability for the proposed indicators revealed rather good data availability in Armenia in several topics, while important data gaps exist in others. Entrepreneurship was identified as a priority topic for capacity-building in gender statistics in Armenia.

2. Everywhere, men are more likely to be involved in entrepreneurial activity than women. In the Beijing Platform for Action, countries have agreed to foster women's access to self-employment and entrepreneurship, but available data are limited for differentiating entrepreneurs by sex and among the different types of self-employment and entrepreneurship. Such information is required for targeted policy measures in this area. Currently, the United Nations Statistics Division and UN Women are implementing the Evidence and Data for Gender Equality (EDGE) project to improve methodology and data collection in this area.

3. Armenia is one of the target countries in the project "Interregional cooperation to strengthen national capacities to measure progress in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment" financed from the United Nations Development Account. In the framework of this project, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will organize the workshop on developing entrepreneurship statistics by gender in Armenia in cooperation with NSS Armenia and with financial support from the UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office.

II. PURPOSE

4. The purpose of the workshop is to identify ways of new data collection to measure entrepreneurship by gender and build the capacity in the system of official statistics in Armenia in this regard. It would also explore the possibility of testing in Armenia the survey tools developed under the EDGE project.

5. The workshop will strengthen the gender sensitization of the Armenian statistical system and support the Strategy on mainstreaming the gender perspective in statistics in Armenia.

III. PROGRAMME

- 1) Opening and introduction
- 2) Background information:

- a) Project “Interregional cooperation to strengthen national capacities to measure progress in achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment”
 - b) Data availability in Armenia on the UNECE set of indicators of gender equality
 - c) EDGE project
- 3) Measuring entrepreneurship: concepts and definitions
 - 4) Overview of data sources: household surveys, enterprise surveys, administrative sources
 - 5) Use of business registers for measuring entrepreneurship from the gender perspective
 - 6) Use of the labour force survey for measuring entrepreneurship from the gender perspective
 - 7) Work plan for next steps

IV. PARTICIPATION

6. The workshop targets managers and staff dealing with gender statistics and household and enterprise surveys in NSS Armenia as well as in other government agencies.

V. LANGUAGE

7. The working languages of the workshop are English and Armenian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided between these two languages.

VI. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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