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CONCEPT NOTE

I. BACKGROUND

Over the years, UNECE and its partners in the United Nations system and beyond have implemented programmes to build capacity in producing gender statistics, which have improved the availability and quality of gender statistics. The statistical community recognizes that the task of statisticians goes beyond the collection and production of statistics. They need to understand the needs of their diverse user community, improve dissemination processes, raise awareness of the value of the statistics and actively encourage their informed use. These issues can be addressed in cooperation between producers and users of statistics.

The skills needed to understand and use statistics are essential for everyone whose work is related to public policy. Policies to promote gender equality and empowerment of women require a more specific understanding of gender issues and the statistics that measure their relevant aspects. Several countries of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region have experience with disseminating gender statistics and of producer-user collaboration, from which others could benefit.

Based on its existing guidance material on gender statistics, such as the manual¹, the indicators² and the guidebook series “Making data meaningful”³, UNECE is preparing a toolkit for the training of users of gender statistics. The toolkit should enable gender statistics focal points to run training sessions in their respective countries on statistical literacy in gender issues. The toolkit is designed for users of gender statistics in the government and in various bodies promoting equal opportunities. It includes short user-friendly descriptions of concepts with practical examples and practical exercises for use in the training sessions.

UNECE, NBS and UNDP are organizing the Workshop on Gender Statistics Dissemination and Training to exchange experience in disseminating gender statistics and to discuss the draft toolkit and its different uses. The Workshop is part of 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. Further financial support is provided by UNFPA.

¹ UNECE (2010), *Developing gender statistics: a practical tool*. New York and Geneva: United Nations. Available at www.unece.org/?id=17450.

² UNECE (2015), *Indicators of gender equality*. New York and Geneva: United Nations. Available at www.unece.org/stats/publications/gender_equality.html.

³ Available at www.unece.org/stats/documents/writing.

II. PURPOSE

The Workshop will enhance the capacity of national statistical offices to disseminate and communicate gender statistics and the capacity of users to understand and use gender statistics. It will address the challenges for disseminating and communicating gender statistics from the perspectives of both producers and users as both will be participating.

The Workshop will review and discuss the toolkit for training data users currently prepared by UNECE. It will provide consolidated feedback, including feedback from first national applications, to support finalizing the toolkit.

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) UNECE indicators of gender equality
3. Presentations on the experience of statistical offices in providing gender statistics training to users
4. Presentations from users on gender statistics on their experience and expectations
5. Presentation of the toolkit, discussion
6. Sample training session, including group work
7. Discussion on the application of the toolkit on the national level
8. Closing of the workshop

IV. PARTICIPATION

The workshop targets gender statistics focal points in national statistical offices and users of gender statistics in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

V. LANGUAGE

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

VI. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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