

# UNECE Online Meetings on Gender Statistics 12-14 October 2020

## CHAT TRANSCRIPT

Monday 12 October: Gender Statistics in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

08:00 – 10:30

Steve MacFeely: Why did you ask for name? Do you think that negatively impacted on response rates? 09:47 AM

0\_UNCTAD\_Anu Peltola: Would it be in principle possible to link businesses to their trading status - and compile indicators of gender equality in trading vs. non-trading businesses? 09:52 AM

0\_IRELAND\_Gerard\_Doolan: Hi Steve, no we didn't think it would affect response rates. In case of partial response we could use name for gender identification. Also, having name as a unique identifier could offer potential in future iterations to look at career progression. 09:55 AM

0\_IRELAND\_Gerard\_Doolan: For publicly listed enterprises, this information would also be available. 09:56 AM

0\_IRELAND\_Gerard\_Doolan: Hi Anu thank you for your question 09:56 AM

0\_IRELAND\_Gerard\_Doolan: Yes the potential is there to link such data. The data contain the CBR which is a unique business./enterprise identifier. This would allow us to merge with datasets such as Structural Business Statistics amongst others. 09:57 AM

0\_IRELAND\_Gerard\_Doolan: Like I saw, the possibility of such linkage is there, however for the initial iteration of the survey, this was not the mandate. It is certainly something that we can look at in the next iteration and perhaps see about producing some results/information on such a topic. Thank you for this suggestion.. 09:59 AM

0\_UNCTAD\_Anu Peltola: Thank you, Ger, for your presentation & I was just going to ask about any future plans to do so. Sounds good! 10:02 AM

0\_UNCTAD\_Henri\_Luomaranta: I have a question to Nadejda: Looks excellent use of current business statistics to analyse business performance. Do you have the possibility to link employees to their employers and employer businesses to their trading status (e.g. from Customs data) e.g. to see if the gender pay gap is higher or lower in businesses that export, import or do not trade? 10:04 AM

0\_MOLDOVA\_Nadejda\_Cojocari: Thank you for the question Henri, employer businesses can be linked with custom data 10:14 AM

0\_UNCTAD\_Henri\_Luomaranta: Thank you Nadejda! That would be very interesting 10:15 AM

0\_UNCTAD\_Anu Peltola: Lia, thanks for the interesting presentation. You mention your interest in developing gender-focused international merchandise trade statistics. How feasible is it for Geostat - can you use data you already have and what challenges do you expect? 10:16 AM

Steve MacFeely: Thanks Ger. Congrats on the survey 10:26 AM

10:30 – 12:00

UNFPA Turkmenistan, Dovran Yamatov: Dear Ala, it would be useful to get the list of 54 and 80 gender-related SDG indicators. Thanks 10:45 AM

UNSD\_Mehmet\_Sökeli: Dear Dovran, the 80 gender-relevant SDG indicators identified by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS) can be found here: [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/gender/documents/14Mar2018\\_Gender\\_relevant\\_SDG\\_indicators\\_MB-HSS.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/gender/documents/14Mar2018_Gender_relevant_SDG_indicators_MB-HSS.pdf) Please note, however, that following the 2020 comprehensive review of the SDG indicators framework, the IAEG-GS' Advisory Group on Gender Indicators is revisiting this list 10:52 AM

UNFPA Turkmenistan, Dovran Yamatov: Great! Thank you Mehmet! 10:55 AM

UNECE\_Stela\_Derivolcov: the UNECE Road map on Statistics on SDGs <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47510> 11:44 AM

UNECE\_Stela\_Derivolcov: a new version is under development now by the Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs and a group of contributing experts from countries and international organisations 11:44 AM

## Tuesday 13 October: Measuring gender issues at times of the pandemic

14:00 – 15:30

0\_ITALY\_Claudia\_Villante: @Doireann When you carried out the surveys and for a long time? 02:43 PM

0\_Ireland\_Doireann\_OBrien: Hi Claudia, for the Labour Force Survey, additional questions were added to the first 3 weeks of the survey for 2020Q2. For the Impact of Covid-19 on Women and Men survey, data was collected quickly - between April 23 and May 1. 02:52 PM

0\_ITALY\_Claudia\_Villante: Thanks a lot! 02:53 PM

Ala Negruta: Dear Doireann, any plans to repeat these surveys? 02:54 PM

0\_Ireland\_Doireann\_OBrien: Hi Ala, I believe these were one-off practices. I am not certain on this though, due to fact I am here on behalf of my colleague who works in this area. Would be happy to follow up and link in with you with further information in the coming days. 02:58 PM

Ala Negruta: Thank you! Much appreciated! 03:01 PM

Moldova\_Aurelia Spataru: Dear Doireann, we have started both data collection, on HBS module and LFS follow-up questions since 17th of March and we still continue to collect these data ... until de emergency state is continued 03:04 PM

0\_SWITZERLAND\_Katja\_Branger: Question to Aurelia: how do you define the head of household?  
03:04 PM

0\_SWITZERLAND\_Katja\_Branger: thanks 03:06 PM

0\_USA\_Amy\_Smith: Thank you Pierre. Great observations and tying it all together. 03:21 PM

0\_ILO\_Elisa\_Benes: Very comprehensive commentary. Thanks for bringing together the key messages 03:23 PM

0\_ILO\_Elisa\_Benes: and highlighting reflections for the future 03:24 PM

0\_Ireland\_Doireann\_OBrien: Very much appreciate your insights Pierre. Completely agree regarding your observation on looking to age groups outside of the labour force. Would point toward our analysis on age here, in case it is of interest to you.

<https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/br/b-csi/socialimpactofcovid-19byagegroupapril2020/> An extension to include children here would be useful. 03:26 PM

15:30 – 17:00

SPAIN\_Carmen\_Ureña: Please, where are we going to have the presentations available? Thank you  
03:55 PM

Netherlands\_Marion\_Vandenbrakel: A question @Kimmo: does underregistration explain the different results on IVP of q1 and q2 2020 in Finland? 03:58 PM

0\_UNECE\_Kristen\_Jeffers: Question for both: have they been able to disaggregate by age or any other individual characteristics? 04:03 PM

0\_UNCTAD\_Henri\_Luomaranta: could we survey healthcare professionals instead of households?  
04:04 PM

0\_Finland\_Kimmo\_Haapakangas: There is a longer report but it's in Finnish  
<http://www.stat.fi/tietotrendit/artikkelit/2020/parisuhdevakivallasta-tehdyt-ilmoitukset-lisaantyyvat-kevaan-aikana/> 04:05 PM

FINLAND\_Marjut\_Pietiläinen: it is a very good session at UNWDF! 04:22 PM

FINLAND\_Marjut\_Pietiläinen: It is a great initiative! 04:40 PM

Static-ThoraK: I would like to comment that we need to approach covid19 as a new recession in many ways. 04:41 PM

0\_ITALY\_Claudia\_Villante: Great and challenge project! 04:41 PM

Static-ThoraK: At least in Iceland, we are in a recession now. And there is a literature on the gender effects of recessions, such as the book Women and Austerity. Of course there are issues with regard to lockdown that are new, but unemployment and increased unpaid labour etc that are not new.  
04:42 PM

UK\_Karen\_Hurrell: Good idea! I don't know if the UK has responded, but there are several new data collections here. 04:43 PM

Statice-ThoraK: And that unemployment will first affect the private market and then the public market, when states are going to decrease funding in public service. Of course some public service is going to increase. 04:43 PM

FINLAND\_Marjut\_Pietiläinen: Finland is conducting a Time Use Survey at the moment and it will bring important gender relevant information. The fieldwork is going on at the moment. Results will be available in the Autumn 2022. 04:43 PM

O\_USA\_Amy\_Smith: Here's a link to the US Household Pulse Survey (HPS) that I presented on. Scroll to the bottom for links to available data. <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/household-pulse-survey.html> 04:46 PM

O\_USA\_Amy\_Smith: Similarly, the US Small Business Pulse Survey link <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/small-business-pulse-survey/take-survey.html> 04:46 PM

## Wednesday 14 October: Measuring gender issues at times of the pandemic

14:00 – 15:30

Georgia\_Lia\_Charekishvili: Sara Frankl, Sweden: please could you explain more about analyses for publication W&M? what type of analyses would be better for publication? 02:31 PM

Georgia\_Lia\_Charekishvili: Sara Frankl, Sweden: And what about your experience in collaboration with users? 02:32 PM

UNSD\_Mehmet\_Sökeli: Thank you very much, Adriana! We're very appreciative of our collaboration. If I may, I'd like to use this opportunity to kindly invite everyone to the session (TA3.03) where UNSD, together with Mexico and Finland, will technically launch The World's Women 2020 report at the 2020 Virtual United Nations World Data Forum on 20 October 2020. 02:45 PM

FINLAND\_Marjut\_Pietiläinen: In Finland, we will include some SDG indicators to our Gender equality in Finland publication (previous Women and Men publication).. 02:49 PM

SWEDEN\_Carolina\_Nordström: The Swedish national gender statistics also benefits from the national statistical follow up of the 2030 Agenda. We learn from each other. 02:59 PM

15:30 – 17:00

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: Gender identity: Is any of you aware of a study testing the effects of asking on a scale, from 100% male to 100% female (with an NA option) 03:33 PM

EDIScotland\_Kevin\_Guyan: Very interesting presentations. I would be interested to hear from France-Pascale if there were issues raised, particularly among trans people, about answering a question in the census on sex assigned at birth? 03:33 PM

O\_UK\_Andrew\_Nash: Thora - I'm not. I see a challenge though in that this would assume that characteristics / feelings are either male or female, whereas some people may not empathise with that binary distinction. 03:35 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: Of course, the middle would be sort of thought for the gender fluid etc... while NA for those outside the binary. 03:36 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: BTW I haven't found anything on this, but I am very interested in doing this test. 03:37 PM

SWITZERLAND\_Sylvan\_Berrut: @Thora: Neither have I seen this type of survey, but some graphical representation of GI use two separate scales for the degrees of "femininity" and "masculinity" (and sometimes even a third for other genders). 03:43 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: Thanks Sylvan! Perhaps msg me links 03:44 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: Isn't asking trans people about their sex assigned at birth sort of the same as asking about their dead name (name given at birth)? 03:46 PM

EDIScotland\_Kevin\_Guyan: Thank you France-Pascale for your answer, interesting to hear about major differences between UK and Canada in regard to the acceptability of a sex assigned at birth question. 03:47 PM

UK\_Karen\_Hurrell: Have there been any objections where only a gender question is asked? 03:50 PM

O\_ITALY\_Claudia\_Villante: In relation to the question of gender identity maybe we have to take in account that simply some people couldn't well understand the questions (especially old people) 03:54 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: One concern that I haven't heard mentioned but is a real big issue and that is the issue of confidentiality, when using very specific gender identity/sexual orientation categories. On the other hand, that info is not usually in the public domain so that does perhaps not mean traceability. Thoughts? 03:55 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: E.g. when conducting a survey we have perhaps a teacher, with a masters, who is gender -fluid and asexual... 03:58 PM

UK\_Alexis\_Hoyland: While the frequently shifting terminology makes it difficult to do so, confidentiality and disclosure issues can potentially be mitigated by classificatory systems that aggregate identities into groupings. However, the big risk there is inappropriately grouping together categories, or aggregating into reductive "Other" terms. 03:59 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: Brilliant point. 03:59 PM

O\_USA\_Amy\_Smith: Yes exactly, Alexis and Thora. 04:00 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: There is clearly a very sensitive and difficult balance between allowing SGM to "see themselves" in the data and actually make them almost exposed in the data 04:02 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: ....in some cases at least 04:02 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: I might provide a context for my thoughts here. I am involved with EU-SILC and have been thinking about whether or not this kind of questions could/should be included there. EU-SILC gives a lot of info on the household composition and living conditions etc and in a small country confidentiality is a big issue .04:05 PM

O\_SWEDEN\_Linda\_Björneskog: What are your thoughts on the fact that that the response options male/female can "hide" transgender respondents that identify a man or woman? 04:19 PM

EDIScotland\_Kevin\_Guyan: Really interesting study from Norway. A question for Karin - for sexual orientation, the survey asks about sexual identity and sexual attraction. Was there any discussion about asking about sexual behaviour (for example, men who have sex with men)? 04:19 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: @Karin H. Gram \_ Norway is the report available in English? 04:19 PM

O\_SWEDEN\_Linda\_Björneskog: identify AS men or women.. 04:19 PM

UK\_Karen\_Hurrell: Do you also ask any sex questions (such as birth sex or legal sex) in Norway? 04:20 PM

UK\_Alexis\_Hoyland: Karin, if I may ask, what was the rationale for asking a question on attraction in addition to sexual orientation/identity (and were these two compared)? Secondly, might I ask if the "Other" response option for sexual orientation/identity had a write-in option? I would be curious to see the breakdown of the "Other" category into major groups (asexual, pansexual, etc.) 04:21 PM

UK\_Alexis\_Hoyland: (apologies for the multiple questions) 04:21 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: And another question for Karin: Couldn't you identify trans people (at least those born in Norway) by comparing their sex at birth - i.e. first registration in the national registry? 04:21 PM

O\_CANADA\_FrancePascale\_Ménard: Have you considered having a write-in option (please specify) instead of 'other' for gender identity and sexual orientation to avoid false positives, be less othering and more inclusive? 04:22 PM

Karin H. Gram \_ Norway: sorry, only the abstract. International demand may lead to it... Here's the link: <https://www.ssb.no/sosiale-forhold-og-kriminalitet/artikler-og-publikasjoner/attachment/433414?ts=174f89c29d0> 04:22 PM

SWITZERLAND\_Sylvan\_Berrut: @Karin H. Gram Does the 0,7% with deviation between GI and legal gender include the 0,4% with an GI other than F or M? 04:22 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: Do you think that capturing bi/pan sexuality with "I am attracted to both/all sexes" would be doable? 04:30 PM

SPAIN\_Carmen\_Ureña: Is there in Statistics Canada a specific department on gender? 04:30 PM

O\_CANADA\_FrancePascale\_Ménard: Not really, but we have a new Centre for Gender, diversity and inclusion statistics. [https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/topics-start/gender\\_diversity\\_and\\_inclusion](https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/topics-start/gender_diversity_and_inclusion) Elena is part of it. I'm part of the Centre for Demography. I'm responsible for age, sex and gender variables. The Centre is responsible for gender-based analysis plus at Statistics Canada. 04:37 PM

O\_CANADA\_Elena\_Prokopenko: Carmen, we do also have the department of Women and Gender Equality: <https://www.canada.ca/en/status-women/news/2019/03/department-for-women-and-gender-equality--womens-program.html> 04:44 PM

O\_CANADA\_Elena\_Prokopenko: and the LGBTQ2 Secretariat, within the department of Canadian Heritage: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/free-to-be-me/about-lgbtq2-secretariat.html> 04:45 PM

O\_CANADA\_Elena\_Prokopenko: But these are separate from Statistics Canada 04:45 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: When will this minimum set of covid questions be ready? 04:50 PM

FINLAND\_Marjut\_Pietiläinen: Hope to meet you all next week on the Virtual UN World Data Forum!:) 04:51 PM

FINLAND\_Marjut\_Pietiläinen: Thank you very much for this great meeting and excellent presentations! Take care and greetings from Helsinki! 04:54 PM

0\_UNECE\_Kristen\_Jeffers: We value your feedback: please complete our short evaluation survey (opens on Thursday after the final session) <https://bit.ly/UNECEGenderStats2020Feedback> 04:55 PM

0\_UNECE\_Kristen\_Jeffers: Мы ценим Ваше мнение: просим Вас заполнить короткий вопросник по оценке онлайн-совещаний (открывается в четверг после заключительной сессии) <https://bit.ly/UNECEGenderStats2020Feedback> 04:55 PM

0\_USA\_Amy\_Smith: Many thanks Kristen and Yana. 04:55 PM

0\_USA\_Amy\_Smith: Your skills with interpret were much appreciated. 04:55 PM

UK\_Karen\_Hurrell: Thank you for arranging this meeting. 04:55 PM

0\_ITALY\_Claudia\_Villante: I also invite you to participate to UNW Data Forum and thank you so much for a very interesting web meeting! 04:55 PM

0\_SWEDEN\_Linda\_Björneskog: Thank you for interesting presentations, questions, and well organized meeting! 04:55 PM

0\_CANADA\_Elena\_Prokopenko: Thank you for this opportunity to exchange ideas with others in similar positions! 04:55 PM

0\_ITALY\_Cristina\_Freguja: 🍌🍌🍌🍌 04:55 PM

0\_UK\_Andrew\_Nash: Thanks all! 04:55 PM

Iceland\_Thora\_K\_Thorsdottir: Thanks all! 04:56 PM

UNECE\_Paolo\_Valente: Thank you everybody! 04:56 PM

0\_USA\_Amy\_Smith: Good bye. 04:56 PM

0\_UNECE\_Yana\_Trofimova: You may register for our Online Meetings on Migration Statistics by Friday 16 October 2020 at <http://bit.ly/RegisterUNECEMigration2020>. 04:56 PM

0\_ILO\_Elisa\_Benes: Thanks all! 04:56 PM

0\_MOLDOVA\_Nadejda\_Cojocari: Thank you for all updates in gender statistics, valuable thoughts! 04:56 PM

amira shaher abdelhameed: thank you all 04:56 PM

0\_UNECE\_Yana\_Trofimova: Вы можете зарегистрироваться для участия в онлайн-совещаниях по статистике миграции до пятницы, 16 октября 2020 по следующему адресу: <http://bit.ly/RegisterUNECEMigration2020>. 04:56 PM

0\_UNECE\_Yana\_Trofimova: You may register for our Online Meetings on Measuring Poverty and Inequality by Monday 23 November 2020 at <http://bit.ly/RegisterUNECEPovertyStats2020>. 04:56 PM

UNWWomen Ala Negruta: Thanks all! 04:56 PM

O\_UNECE\_Yana\_Trofimova: Вы можете зарегистрироваться для участия в онлайн-совещаниях по измерению бедности и неравенства, 23 ноября 2020 по следующей ссылке:  
<http://bit.ly/RegisterUNECEPovertyStats2020>. 04:56 PM