

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

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Agenda

**PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE
ON GENDER STATISTICS TRAINING FOR STATISTICIANS**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Note prepared by the UNECE secretariat

BACKGROUND

1. The promotion of gender statistics training for all statisticians in the national statistical system was proposed by the Work Session on Gender Statistics in 2004 as one of the key activities to improve the understanding of gender statistics.
2. Several countries and international organizations (Statistics Sweden, FAO, United States Census Bureau, and UNECE among others) carried out activities on training of statisticians in national statistical systems to incorporate the gender dimensions into the collection and dissemination of statistics. The meeting considered it very important to consolidate and coordinate these activities and to establish a Task Force on Gender-Sensitization Training for Statisticians. The ToR for the Task Force was adopted by the Bureau in February 2005.
3. In July 2006, UNECE received funding from the World Bank to carry out technical cooperation within Central Asian and South-East European countries in the area of gender statistics. Within this project the work of the Task Force was fostered and training events at the regional and national levels in selected CIS and SEE countries were held. A set of training materials¹ was developed. Work was also undertaken to develop a training manual on gender statistics.
4. In October 2007, the Bureau reviewed the progress of the work of the Task Force. The Bureau noted, among other things, that the language has to be clarified in order to transfer the right message and some of the terms used (e.g. gender sensitization) are not clear to people who are not gender statisticians. Therefore, the Task Force suggests changing its name to *Task Force on Gender Statistics Training for Statisticians*.

¹ <http://www.unece.org/stats/Documents/2007.04.gender-wks.htm>

OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK

5. The main objective of the Task Force is to continue to assist national statistical offices to integrate the gender perspective into their data collection, processing and dissemination through training workshops and technical cooperation activities.

TASKS

6. The main tasks of the Task Force are:

- to continue to develop training materials (multimedia presentations, case studies, participatory-based activities, etc.) for future use in regional and national training events;
- to finalize the training manual on gender statistics.

OUTPUTS

7. The main output of the Task Force will be:

- training materials for Gender Statistics Training that include or expand upon existing training materials;
- the training manual on gender statistics.

MEMBERSHIP

8. The Task Force on Gender Statistics Training for Statisticians will include representatives from Belarus, Finland, Georgia, Ireland, Serbia, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United States and UNECE.

MEETINGS

9. The Task Force will work mainly using e-mail consultations, teleconferences, and face-to-face meetings as necessary.

TIME FRAME

10. It is expected that the work of the Task Force will be finalized by 2010.

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