

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**  
**Second Meeting of SPECA Project Working Group on Gender and Economy**

Geneva, 9-10 July 2007  
Conference Room VIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

**Mainstreaming Gender into Economic Policies to reach Millennium Development Goals**

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE AND AGENDA**

**DAY 1**

**10.00-10.30                    Opening of the meeting**

Welcoming remarks:

Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE

H.E. Aitkul Samakova, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chair National Commission on Family and Gender Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Co-chair SPECA WG Group on Gender and Economy

**10:30-11: 00                UNECE support to SPECA process**

Mr. Heinrich Bruengger, Director, UNECE Statistical Division  
Ms. Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Head, Gender programme, UNECE Office of the Executive Secretary  
Mr. Marton Krasznai, SPECA Focal point, Economic Integration and Cooperation Division, UNECE

**11:00-13:00    National Development Strategies, Budgetary Commitments and Gender**

Chair: H.E. Aitkul Samakova, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chair National Commission on Family and Gender Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Co-chair SPECA WG Group on Gender and Economy

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Villagomez, international consultant (Spain)

Introduction to the discussion:

Mr. Rafkat Hasanov, director, Investment Round Table PA (Kyrgyzstan)  
Ms. Damira Sartbaeva, UNIFEM Regional Programme Director for CIS

Issues/questions

- Are economic parts of National Development Strategies (NDS) gender sensitive?
- How gender issues are reflected in NDS? Are they linked to budgetary commitments?
- What are the ways to engender policy commitments expressed in NDS?

**13:00-15:00    LUNCH BREAK**

**15:00-18:00    Discussion of Main Findings of the Stocktaking Paper**

Chair/Moderator : Ms. Larissa Kapitsa, professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

Summary of main findings: Ms. Olga Skorobogatova, consultant, UNECE

Introduction to the statistical framework: Mr. Enrico Bisogno, Statistical Division, UNECE

Issues/questions

- To what extent the main findings are confirmed by country's experience?

- How relevant is a statistical framework from a country perspective (choice of indicators, availability of data)?
- How relevant are identified gaps between key areas of concern (such as feminization of poverty), existing data and indicators to measure progress in this area and policy response from country's perspective?

## **DAY 2**

### **10:00-11:30 Employment, Entrepreneurship and Informal Sector**

Chair/Moderator: Mr. Rafkat Hasanov, Director, Investment Round Table PA (Kyrgyzstan)

#### Introduction to the discussion:

Mr. Martin Clemensson, Team Leader, Small Enterprise Development programme; Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department and Mr. Nabeel Goheer, Specialist on women's entrepreneurship, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Ms. Aigul Toxanova, Director, Macroeconomics Department, Economic Research Institute (Kazakhstan)

Ms. Angela Me, Chief, Social and Demographic Statistics, UNECE

#### Issues/Questions:

- What are the main gender discrepancies in the labour market and access to entrepreneurship?
- What are the effects of these discrepancies on economic growth?
- Does policy response reflect gender discrepancies of the labour market access to entrepreneurship?
- How National Statistics reflect these discrepancies and what could be done within proposed statistical framework?

### **11:30-13:00 Reforms of Social Protection System / Pensions**

Chair/Moderator: Ms. Silke Steinbilber, international expert on welfare reforms, Germany

General discussion: presentations of country perspective on welfare and pension reforms; proposals for further policy research and indicators

#### Issues/Questions:

- To what extent welfare reforms are gender sensitive from a country perspective?
- What are gender aspects of pension reforms from a country perspective?
- What indicators could measure gender aspects of welfare reforms ?

### **13:00-15:00 LUNCH BREAK**

### **15:00-16:00 Continuation of thematic discussion**

### **16:00-17:00 Knowledge Hub**

Chair/Moderator: Ms. Larissa Kapitsa, Moscow State Institute for International Relations

#### Issues/Questions:

- What can be done to increase awareness of policy makers and general public that gender equality is an economic asset?
- Knowledge hub: concept/content and implementation

**17:00-18:00      Concluding remarks**

H.E. Aitkul Samakova, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chair National Commission on Family and Gender Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Co-chair SPECA WG Group on Gender and Economy

Ms. Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Head, Gender programme, UNECE Office of the Executive Secretary