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

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