

UNECE — UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS
Workshop on Gender Statistics
(Vilnius, Lithuania, 30-31 May 2016)

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Workshop will be held at the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), Vilnius, Lithuania, on 30–31 May 2016

It will start with registration at 9 am on Monday, 30 May 2016
and will finish on Tuesday, 31 May by 6 pm.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. UNECE, the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT), the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and Statistics Lithuania are jointly organizing a Workshop on Gender Statistics for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The meeting will be held at EIGE, Gedimino pr. 16, Vilnius (Lithuania). The Workshop will precede the UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics, which will take place on 1–3 June at the same venue.
2. Financial support for the Workshop is received from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Development Account.

II. PURPOSE

3. The Workshop will enhance the capacity of national statistical offices in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to disseminate and communicate gender statistics and to produce gender-oriented indicators for reviewing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

III. PROGRAMME

4. The programme of the Workshop will consist of the five sessions described below. The detailed timetable and other documents will be posted on the UNECE website at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41268#>.

A. Gender indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

5. In March, the United Nations Statistical Commission adopted the global indicator framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹. The fifth Sustainable

¹ United Nations Statistical Commission (2016). Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators. Available at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/2016-2-SDGs-Rev1-E.pdf>

Development Goal (SDG) is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. In addition to the fifth SDG, gender is an important aspect in many other indicators proposed for monitoring the Agenda.

6. UNECE will provide an overview of data availability for gender-oriented SDG indicators in EECCA countries. Participants present their specific concerns and plans for developing statistics to fill in the gaps. A discussion will aim to identify the steps required for official statistical systems, capacity-building needs, and the ways to address them.

B. Dissemination of gender statistics

7. The mission of official 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. For statistics to be meaningful to a general audience, it is important that the audience find meaning in the numbers. Several countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia issue regularly a comprehensive publication in gender statistics entitled "Women and men in [country]" and booklets at different level of detail. The Workshop will discuss the related experience and ways of improving dissemination of gender statistics, based on selected good practice examples.

C. How to work with users of gender statistics

8. Based on its existing guidance material on gender statistics, such as the manual,² the indicators³ and the guidebook series "Making data meaningful,"⁴ UNECE has recently completed a set of new training material "Using gender statistics: a toolkit for training data users".⁵ This Toolkit is meant to support gender statistics focal points in improving statistical literacy in their user community. It has been applied in national level trainings in the Republic of Moldova and Armenia. CISSTAT is planning to provide further guidance material on gender statistics.

9. This session will inform participants of recent updates and use of the UNECE toolkit and a discussion on the CISSTAT planned guidelines.

10. Participants are invited to share experience and lessons learned from communication with policymakers, journalists and other users who are not professionals in statistics. The discussion would address the users' level of understanding of gender equality issues and gender statistics, and their readiness to use gender statistics for monitoring of national strategies and programmes on gender equality.

² UNECE (2010), *Developing gender statistics: a practical tool*. New York and Geneva: United Nations. Available at www.unece.org/?id=17450.

³ UNECE (2015), *Indicators of gender equality*. New York and Geneva: United Nations. Available at www.unece.org/stats/publications/gender_equality.html.

⁴ Available at www.unece.org/stats/documents/writing

⁵ UNECE (2016). *Using Gender Statistics: A toolkit for training data users*. Available at <http://www.unece.org/stats/gender/toolkit>.

D. Social Institutions & Gender Index in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

11. This session will include a presentation and discussion on the statistical challenges of compiling the OECD Social Institutions & Gender Index in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

E. Visit to Statistics Lithuania

12. A visit to Statistics Lithuania will be organised during the afternoon on the second day of the Workshop. The visit will include a presentation of the Lithuanian system of official statistics, the main aspects of preparation of gender statistics and their new portal of the official statistics for dissemination, with emphasis on gender statistics.

IV. PARTICIPATION, REGISTRATION, LANGUAGE

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

14. The Workshop targets gender statistics focal points in national statistical offices in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Selected experts and users of gender statistics will also be invited.

15. All participants should register for the Workshop by completing the online registration form available at <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=HlpgWJ>.

V. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

16. For additional practical information on accommodation, transportation or currency, please refer to the Information Note for the Work Session, available at <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2016.6.gender.html>.

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