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Report of the Work Session on Gender Statistics

Note by the secretariat*

Summary

The Conference of European Statisticians, at its fifty-seventh plenary session in June 2009, approved the activities undertaken under the UNECE Statistical Programme 2009, and endorsed the list of meetings planned to be organised from June 2009 to June 2010, as provided in document ECE/CES/2009/2/Add.1 (Report of the fifty-seventh plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians, ECE/CES/76, paragraph 70). This list included a Work Session on Gender Statistics, which was held in Geneva on 26-28 April 2010.

The present document is the report of that Work Session, and is provided to inform the Conference of European Statisticians of the organization and outcomes of that Work Session.

* This document has been submitted late for technical reasons.

I. Participation

1. The Work Session on Gender Statistics was held on 26-28 April in Geneva. It was attended by participants from Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan. The European Commission was represented by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat). The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Bosnia and Herzegovina were also represented.

II. Organization of the meeting

2. Ms. L.L. Sabbadini (Italy) was elected as Chair of the meeting.

3. The following substantive topics were discussed:

- (a) Gender differences in economic security;
 - (i) Gender Pay Gap;
 - (ii) Other issues related to gender differences in economic security;

(b) Gender analysis of key Census topics: experience with the previous census round and plans for 2010;

- (c) Emerging issues in gender statistics;
 - (i) Time Use Surveys;
 - (ii) New tools for data visualization and dissemination;
 - (iii) Measuring Violence against Women;
 - (iv) Environment and climate change from a gender perspective;

(d) Future work;

(e) Information Session.

4. The following participants acted as Discussants: for sub-Session (a)(i) Ms. A. Mata-Greenwood (ILO), for sub-Session (a)(ii) Mr. D. Dupré (Eurostat), for sub-Session (b) Ms. K. Branger (Swiss Federal Statistical Office), for sub-Session (c)(i), K. Hurrell (Equality and Human Rights Commission, United Kingdom), for sub-Session (c)(ii) Mr. A. Grossenbacher (Swiss Federal Statistical Office) and for sub-Session (c)(iv) Ms. M. Fauvelle (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)).

5. The discussion at the meeting was based on invited and supporting papers. The papers are available on the UNECE website at the following address:

www.unece.org/stats/documents/2010.04.gender.htm

III. Summary of the main conclusions reached at the meeting

6. Recommendations for future work are given below. Other conclusions that the participants reached during the discussion on the above topics will be presented in a separate document. All background documents for the meeting are available on the UNECE website provided above.

IV. Recommendations for future work

7. The meeting recommended organizing the next Work Session on Gender Statistics in April 2012. The following topics were suggested for the Session:

- (a) Revisiting the gender pay gap;
- (b) Time use surveys including issues related to presentation of household satellite accounts and care (child, elderly etc.);
- (c) Measuring violence against women;
- (d) Health and lifestyles;
- (e) Analysis of migration statistics from gender perspective, including labour migrants, problems of statistical observation;
- (f) How to improve gender analysis of Census data (population, family, education, transport/mobility, migration and social protection).

8. The following topics were also suggested and can be considered for future Work Sessions:

- (a) Gender equality and economic security over the life course (incl. caring occupations, inter-generational transfers);
- (b) Environment and climate change;
- (c) Relevance of data visualization tools for policy needs;
- (d) Information and Communication Technologies – access, content, patterns of use;
- (e) Potential for using attitudinal data for measuring gender outcomes;
- (f) Decision-making.

9. The meeting recommended that a set of key gender indicators related to internationally agreed policy goals be developed. This would include a framework for grouping indicators by domains and a hierarchy of indicators (i.e. headline and supporting indicators).

10. It was also decided to extend the membership of the Steering Group on gender statistics, which is now composed of Australia, Georgia, Italy, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, Eurostat, OECD, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UNECE. ILO will be invited to join the Steering Group.

11. It was proposed to form a task force to develop a conceptual framework for Environment and Gender Statistics.

12. It was proposed to work on improving the comparability of the data on gender aspects of economic security (social security, pensions, etc.).

V. Adoption of the report

13. The meeting adopted the present report before it adjourned.
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