

Gender statistics priorities for the UNECE region: results of an in-depth review

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In-depth Review

- Bureau of Conference of European Statisticians (CES) chooses topics to review in depth
 - To improve coordination of statistical activities in UNECE region
 - Identify gaps
 - Avoid duplication across organizations
 - Identify emerging issues and priority areas for future work
- February 2017 selected gender statistics as next topic
- INEGI (Mexico) volunteered to conduct the review
- Prepared for CES bureau's October 2017 meeting



In-depth Review

- Sustainable Development Agenda: Goal 5 and ‘no-one left behind’ give extra impetus to improve gender statistics
- Improvements visible already: institutional, methodological, data access
- Role of gender statisticians in NSOs and role of NSOs in coordination mechanisms for SDGs becoming stronger and clearer



In-depth Review

- Many international activities focused on gender statistics for SDG 5:
 - UNSD, UN Women, ILO, Eurostat, OECD, FAO, UNFPA, EIGE, World Bank, WHO...
- Conceptual and methodological development for tier II and III indicators assigned to custodian agencies



In-depth Review

Suggestions:

- Implementation of already-defined methodology for TUS and VAW: further promote standardization and harmonization
- Focus on time-use and unpaid work, violence against women, economic statistics with a gender perspective (inc. entrepreneurship), household decision-making
- Emphasize capacity development
- Align all efforts with CES Road Map



Secretariat comments

- SDG indicators should guide but not limit
- SDG targets are broader than the indicators: Gender Statistics should maintain its broad focus: Global Minimum Set & UNECE set
- Methodological work is already being taken care of in many ways: what is needed is increase in collection using established methodologies
- Also need better dissemination, analysis and use of data.



Non-thematic areas for focus



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- Dissemination and communication, & ability of users to access, use and interpret gender stats, especially for policymaking and policy monitoring
- Improving availability of individual-level (rather than household-level) data to facilitate the analysis of the gender dimensions of poverty and well-being
- Improving use of administrative records for producing gender statistics.



CES bureau comments

- Diversity of topics & cross cutting themes creates need for strong partnerships: to **avoid duplication** and proliferation of approaches
- Changing & politically sensitive landscape of gender and **gender identity** in public discourse → competing pressures
- Non-thematic priorities should include the use of new data sources and new technologies
- Build on what has already been done, by UNECE & other players



Value-added of UNECE

- Coordinating and convening role with NSO gender focal points
- Oversight of Steering Group on Gender Statistics
- Capacity development



Some proposed actions

- Analyze countries' situation re production & availability of SDG-5 indicators & other indicators identified in the UNECE Indicators of Gender Equality
- Update wiki-based inventory of countries' experiences with time-use surveys, including the use of light diaries, novel methods and the measurement of subjective well-being in time-use surveys
- New methodological work: measuring gender identity



What now?

→ Gather your views on priorities for gender statistics in the UNECE region

→ Mexico & secretariat adding to review paper: comments from international organizations and Steering Group

→ February 2018: present updated paper and revised ToRs of Steering Group taking account of new priorities

Thank you for your attention!

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