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Page 2: Part 1: Country information

Q1

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Page 3: Part 2: Priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks

Q4

Over the past five years, which of the following have been the top five priorities for accelerating progress for women and girls in your country through laws, policies and/or programmes? (Please check a maximum of five boxes)

Equality and non-discrimination under the law and access to justice

,

Eliminating violence against women and girls,

Access to health care, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights

,

Changing discriminatory social norms and gender stereotypes

,

Other (please specify):

Renforcer les mécanismes pour intégrer l'égalité entre les genres dans tous les secteurs (gender mainstreaming et gender budgeting) et les financements, en ce compris celui de la société civile

Q5

Over the past five years, have you taken specific measures to prevent discrimination and promote the rights of marginalized groups of women and girls? (please check relevant categories)

Women and girls marginalized on account of race, ethnicity and/or caste

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Women and girls with disabilities,

People with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, or sex characteristics

,

Younger women,

Older women,

Migrant women and girls,

Refugee and internally displaced women and girls,

Women and girls in humanitarian settings,

Other (please specify):

familles mono-parentales, femmes en situation de pauvreté/précarité

Q6

Over the past five years, which of the following crises have affected the implementation of the BPfA in your country? (please check relevant categories)

COVID-19 and other pandemics,

Food and fuel crisis,

Armed conflict,

Climate crisis,

Backlash on gender equality

Q7

Over the next five years, which of the following does your country consider to be the top five priorities for accelerating progress for women and girls in your country through laws, policies and programmes? (Please check a maximum of five boxes)

Eliminating violence against women and girls,

Access to affordable quality health care, including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights

Unpaid care and domestic work / work-family conciliation (e.g. paid maternity, paternity or parental leave, care services)

Changing discriminatory social norms and gender stereotypes

Other (please specify):

Nécessité d'adopter une approche systémique et intégrée d'égalité de genre en lien avec les défis émergents : transformation numérique, crise climatique et intersectionnalité

Page 4: Part Three: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern

Q8

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to advance gender equality in relation to women's role in paid work and employment? (please check relevant categories)

Strengthened / enforced laws and workplace policies and practices that prohibit discrimination in the recruitment, retention and promotion of women in the public and private sectors, and equal pay legislation

Taken measures to prevent sexual harassment, including in the workplace

Improved financial inclusion and access to credit, including for self-employed women

Improved access to modern technologies (incl. climate-smart technologies), infrastructure and services (incl. agricultural extension)

Devised mechanisms for women's equal participation in economic decision-making bodies (e.g. in ministries of trade and finance, central banks, national economic commissions)

Q9

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to recognize, reduce and/or redistribute unpaid care and domestic work and promote work-life and family conciliation? (please check relevant categories)

Expanded childcare services or made existing services more affordable

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Expanded support for older persons, persons with disabilities and others needing intense forms of care

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Introduced or strengthened maternity/paternity/parental leave or other types of family leave

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Promoted decent work for paid care workers, including migrant workers

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Conducted campaigns or awareness raising activities to encourage the participation of men and boys in unpaid care and domestic work

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Other (please specify):

Soutien spécifique aux familles mono-parentales

Q10

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to reduce the gender digital divide? (please check relevant categories)

Mainstreamed gender perspectives in national digital policies

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Taken measures to remove the discriminatory barriers faced by women and girls to access, use and design digital tools (e.g. costs of devices and data, lack of skills, safety concerns, restrictive social norms)

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Introduced or strengthened programmes to increase the digital literacy and skills of women and girls

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Taken measures to promote gender-responsive STEM education

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Applied gender-responsive and human rights-based standards for data collection, use, sharing, archiving and deletion

Q11

Over the past five years, has your country introduced austerity/fiscal consolidation measures, such as cuts in public expenditure or public sector downsizing?

No

Q12

Not applicable

Have assessments on the impact of such austerity/fiscal consolidation measures on women and men, respectively, been conducted?

Page 5: Poverty eradication, social protection and social services

Q13

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to reduce/eradicate poverty among women and girls? (please check relevant categories)

Supported women's entrepreneurship, access to markets, and business development activities

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Introduced or strengthened social protection programmes for women and girls (e.g. cash transfers for women with children, public works/employment guarantee schemes for women of working-age, pensions for older women)

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Other (please specify):

Soutien aux familles monoparentales, Lutte contre le sans-abrisme, Soutien à la parentalité et lutte contre la pauvreté des enfants, Intégration de la dimension de genre dans les mesures de lutte contre la pauvreté

Q14

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to improve access to social protection for women and girls?

Introduced or strengthened social protection for older women (e.g. expansion of social pensions, moratoriums, inflation adjustment, introduction of pension credits for caregivers)

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Improved access to social protection for other groups of marginalized women (please refer to groups listed in Part Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges, and setbacks)

Q15

The COVID-19 pandemic spurred significant social protection innovations. From a gender perspective, which of the following statements applies best to the COVID-19 response in your country?

The social protection response to the pandemic spurred gender-responsive innovations, but measures were mainly short-term.

Q16

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to improve health outcomes for women and girls in your country?

Promoted women's access to health services through expansion of universal health coverage or public health services

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Expanded specific health services for women and girls, including sexual and reproductive health services, maternal health and HIV services

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Taken measures to support women's mental health, including access to specialized services and counselling

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Undertaken gender-specific public awareness/health promotion campaigns

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Strengthened comprehensive sexuality education in schools or through community programmes

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Taken action to expand access to health services for marginalized groups of women and girls (see list in Part Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges, and setbacks)

Q17

Over the past five years, what actions has your country taken to improve education outcomes and skills for women and girls?

Taken measures to increase girls' access to, retention in and completion of education, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and skills development programmes

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Addressed barriers to successful school-to-work transitions for women and girls

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Strengthened educational curricula to increase gender-responsiveness and eliminate bias, at all levels of education

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Provided gender equality and human rights training for teachers and other education professionals

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Promoted safe, harassment-free and inclusive educational environments for women and girls

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Increased access to skills and training in new and emerging fields, especially STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and digital fluency and literacy

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Strengthened measures to prevent adolescent pregnancies and to enable adolescent girls to continue their education in the case of pregnancy and/or motherhood

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Incorporated STEM education and/or measures to increase access to digital tools and competencies for adolescents and girls with a view to close the gender digital divide

Q18

Over the past five years, which forms of gender-based violence, and in which specific contexts or settings, has your country prioritized for action?

Intimate partner violence, including sexual violence and marital rape

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Domestic violence committed by other family or household members

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Sexual harassment and violence in public places, educational settings and workplaces

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Violence against women and girls facilitated by technology (e.g. online sexual harassment, online stalking, non-consensual sharing of intimate images)

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Femicide/Feminicide/gender-related killings of women and girls

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Gender-based violence in the media,

Gender-based violence in conflict-affected settings,

Child, early and forced marriages,

Female genital mutilation,

Trafficking in women and girls

Q19

Over the past five years, what actions has your country prioritized to address gender-based violence?

Introduced or strengthened violence against women laws, and their enforcement and implementation

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Introduced, updated or expanded national action plans on ending violence against women and girls

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Introduced or strengthened measures to increase women's access to justice (e.g. establishment of specialist courts, training for the judiciary and police, protection orders, redress and reparations, including for femicide cases)

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Introduced or strengthened services for survivors of violence (e.g. shelters, help lines, dedicated health services, legal, justice service, counselling, housing, socioeconomic rehabilitation)

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Introduced or strengthened strategies and interventions to prevent violence against women and girls (e.g. in the education sector, in the media, community mobilization, work with men and boys)

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Monitoring and evaluation of impact, including evidence generation and data collection

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Introduced or strengthened measures for improving the understanding of the extent, causes and consequences of violence against women among those responsible for implementing measures on ending violence against women and girls, including through the collection and use of data from different sources

Q20

In the past five years, what strategies has your country used to prevent gender-based violence?

Empowering women and girls to promote their economic independence and access to resources, and promote equitable relations within households, communities and society

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Create safe environments including schools, workplaces, and public spaces

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Promoting non-violent family relationships and positive parenting practices

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Promoting positive gender-equitable attitudes, beliefs, values and norms, especially among men and boys

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Mobilizing community/faith/traditional leaders, politicians, opinion influencers, journalists, or media influencers (such as sport athletes or celebrities) to influence positive norms

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Raising public awareness to change attitudes and behaviours

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Promoting gender-egalitarian values in primary and secondary education, including through comprehensive sexuality education

Q21

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to prevent and respond to technology-facilitated gender-based violence (e.g. online sexual harassment, online stalking, non-consensual sharing of intimate images)?

Introduced or strengthened legislation and regulatory provisions

,

Collected data to better understand the magnitude of technology-facilitated violence, drivers and consequences

,

Implemented awareness raising initiatives targeting the general public and education settings to sensitize young people, caregivers and educators to ethical and responsible online behaviour

,

Worked with technology providers to introduce or strengthen human rights-based design, development and deployment approaches to address technology-facilitated gender-based violence

Q22

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to address the portrayal of women and girls, discrimination and/or gender bias in the media, including social media?

Introduced binding regulation for the media, including for advertising

,

Supported the media industry to develop voluntary codes of conduct

,

Provided training to media professionals to encourage the creation and use of non-stereotypical, balanced and diverse images of women and girls in the media, including social media

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Other (please specify):

collaboration avec le Jury d'éthique publicitaire pour lutter contre les publicités sexistes

Q23

In the past five years, has your country taken any action specifically tailored to address violence against marginalized groups of women and girls? (please check relevant categories)

Women living in remote and rural areas,

Women marginalized on account of race, ethnicity and/or caste

,

Women with disabilities,

People with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, or sex characteristics

,

Girls, adolescents, and younger women,

Older women,

Migrant women,

Refugee and internally displaced women,

Other (please specify):

femmes et filles en situation de prostitution, femmes monoparentales

Q24

In the past five years, what actions and measures has your country taken to promote women's participation in public life and decision-making?

Introduced temporary special measures, such as quotas, reserved seats, benchmarks and targets that promote women's participation in politics, especially at decision-making level

Introduced or increased targets and benchmarks of legislative temporary special measures, such as quotas or reserved seats, to promote gender balance or gender parity in legislatures (aiming for 40 per cent or more of seats being occupied by women)

Introduced whole-of-government or ministerial cabinet gender parity laws or policies dictating that around half of decision-making positions are occupied by women

Reinforced the adequate implementation of existing temporary special measures by boosting compliance mechanisms, including through the imposition of sanctions on political parties for non-compliance

Provided opportunities for capacity building and skills development, such as mentorship, training in leadership, decision-making, public speaking, self-assertion, political campaigning for women candidates, elected or appointed politicians, parliamentary caucuses, and/or gender equality advocates

Taken measures to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish violence against women in politics and public life (both online and offline)

Collected and analyzed data on women's political participation, including in appointed and elected positions

Q25

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to increase women's access to expression and participation in decision-making in the media, including through information and communication technologies (ICT)?

Taken measures to enhance access, affordability and use of ICTs for women and girls (e.g. free wifi hubs, community technology centers)

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Collaborated with employers in the media and ICT field to improve internal policies and hiring practices on a voluntary basis

,

Provided support to women's media networks and organizations

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Other (please specify):

formation et sensibilisation des professionnels des media

Q26

What is the name of your country's current national machinery for gender equality and the empowerment of women?

Etat fédéral comprenant différents mécanismes (administration fédérale, administrations des entités fédérées) + Conférence interministérielle : voir rapport questions 24 et 25

Q27

What is the national women's machinery's current location within government? (please select one of the following options)

Entity within a sectoral Ministry (e.g. sub-ministerial, under-secretary positions, institutes, councils and others)

Q28

Does the national women's machinery have adequate financial resources and staff capacity to fulfil its mandate?

Yes

Q29

Over the past five years, which of the following statements best describes the evolution of the budget of your country's national women's machinery? (please select one of the following options)

The budget of the national women's machinery has increased (as a proportion of overall government spending)

Q30

How many programmes is the national women's machinery directly responsible for implementing? Please provide the total number and full name of programmes, as well as links to any supporting documentation.

Total number of programmes:

3 (national ou fédéral) + 4 (entités fédérées)

Full name of programmes:

- Plan d'action national de lutte contre la violence basée sur le genre (2021-2025), - Plan d'action national 'Femmes, Paix et Sécurité' , - Plan fédéral Gender Mainstreaming (2020-2024), - Plan horizontal flamand 'intégration et égalité des chances' (2020-2024) (Horizontaal Integratie- en Gelijke Kansenbeleidsplan 2020 – 2024), - Plan régional wallon genre (2020-2024), - Plan Droits des femmes de la Communauté française (2020-2024), - Plan bruxellois de gender mainstreaming et d'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes (2022-2025)

Link(s) to supporting documentation:

https://igvm-iefh.belgium.be/fr/publications/plan_daction_national_de_lutte_contre_les_violences_basees_sur_le_genre_2021_2025 ; https://igvm-iefh.belgium.be/sites/default/files/downloads/plan_federal_gm_fr.pdf; https://igvm-iefh.belgium.be/sites/default/files/downloads/1325_napwps_fr.pdf;
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<https://ediwall.wallonie.be/plan-genre-2020-2024-numerique-083464>;
<http://www.egalite.cfwb.be/index.php?id=21068>;
<https://equal.brussels/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Plan-Genre-FR-2.pdf>

Q31

Ensuring gender equality is realised for all

What is the guiding vision that best describes the current national women's machinery's mandate? (please select one of the following options)

Q32

Yes

Is there a national human rights institution in your country?

Q33

No

Does the national human rights institution have a specific mandate to focus on gender equality or discrimination based on sex/gender?

Q34

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to build and sustain peace, promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and implement the women, peace and security agenda?

Adopted and/or implemented a National Action Plan on women, peace and security

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Used communication strategies, including social media, to increase awareness of the women, peace and security agenda

,

Increased budgetary allocations for the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda

,

Supported inclusive and gender-sensitive conflict analysis, early warning and prevention mechanisms

Q35

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to increase the leadership, representation and participation of women in conflict prevention, resolution, peacebuilding, humanitarian action and crisis response, at decision-making levels in situations of armed and other conflicts, and in fragile or crisis settings?

Promoted and supported women's meaningful participation in peace processes and the implementation of peace agreements at all levels

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Promoted equal participation of women in humanitarian and crisis response activities at all levels, particularly at the decision-making level

,

Adopted gender-responsive approaches to the prevention and resolution of armed or other conflict

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Adopted gender-responsive approaches to humanitarian action and crisis response

,

Protected civil society spaces and women's human rights defenders

,

Developed, adopted and / or implemented a high impact National Action Plan on 1325

Q36

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to enhance judicial and non-judicial accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and violations of the human rights of women and girls in situations of armed and other conflicts, and in fragile or crisis settings?

Strengthened institutional capacities, including of the justice system and transitional justice mechanisms as applicable, during conflict and crisis response

Strengthened capacity of security sector institutions on human rights and prevention of sexual and gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse

Taken measures to combat illicit arms trafficking,

Taken measures to combat the production, use of and trafficking in illicit drugs

Taken measures to combat trafficking in women and children

Q37

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to eliminate discrimination against and violations of the rights of the girl child, including adolescent girls?

Taken measures to combat discriminatory social norms and practices and increased awareness of the needs and potential of girl children

Strengthened girls' access to quality education, skills development and training

Tackled disadvantages in health outcomes due to malnutrition, early childbearing (e.g. anemia) and exposure to HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases

Implemented policies and programmes to eliminate violence against girls, including physical and sexual violence and harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

Promoted girls' awareness of and participation in social, economic and political life

Incorporated STEM education / closure of gender digital divide in access to digital tools and competencies for girls

Q38

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to integrate gender perspectives and concerns into environmental policies, including biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and reduction of land degradation?

Strengthened evidence and/or raised awareness about gender-specific environmental and health hazards (e.g. consumer products, technologies, industrial pollution)

Increased women's access to and control over land, water, energy, and other natural resources

Promoted the education of women and girls in science, engineering, technology and other disciplines relating to the natural environment

Enhanced women's access to sustainable time- and labour-saving infrastructure (e.g. access to clean water and energy) and climate-resilient agricultural technology

Q39

In the past five years, what actions has your country taken to integrate gender perspectives into policies and programmes for disaster risk reduction and building environmental and climate resilience?

Supported women's participation and leadership, including those affected by disasters, in disaster risk reduction, climate and environmental resilience policies, programmes and projects

Strengthened the evidence base and raised awareness about the disproportionate vulnerability of women and girls to the impact of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters

Introduced or strengthened and implemented gender-responsive laws and policies related to disaster risk reduction and building climate and environmental resilience (e.g. disaster laws addressing vulnerability of women in disaster)

Other (please specify):

financement de projets dans le cadre de la coopération au développement : lutte contre le changement climatique et intégrant la dimension de genre (Mozambique)

Page 10: Part Four: National institutions and processes

Q40

Yes

Does your country have a valid national strategy or action plan for gender equality?

<p>Q41</p> <p>Has the national gender equality strategy or action plan been costed and have sufficient resources been allocated to its achievement in the current budget?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q42</p> <p>Do you track the proportion of the national budget that is invested in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women (gender-responsive budgeting)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q43</p> <p>As a donor country, do you track the proportion of official development assistance (ODA) that is invested in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women (gender-responsive budgeting)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q44</p> <p>Is gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls included as a key priority in the national plan/strategy for SDG implementation?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q45</p> <p>Are there formal mechanisms in place for different stakeholders to participate in the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q46</p> <p>Which of the following stakeholders participate formally in national coordination mechanisms established to contribute to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action?</p>	<p>Civil society organizations, Women's rights organizations, Youth-led organizations, Academia and think tanks</p>
<p>Q47</p> <p>Are there formal mechanisms in place for different stakeholders to participate in the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Q48

Which of the following stakeholders participate formally in national coordination mechanisms established to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Civil society organizations,
Women's rights organizations,
Youth-led organizations,
Academia and think tanks,
Private sector

Q49

For which of the following does your country have an action plan and timeline in place to follow-up on recommendations?

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
,
Universal Periodic Review,
Other United Nations Human Rights mechanisms that address gender inequality/discrimination against women
,
Other (please specify):
Convention sur la prévention et la lutte contre la violence à l'égard des femmes et la violence domestique, Conseil de l'Europe – Plan national de lutte contre les violences basées sur le genre (2021-2025)

Page 11: Part Five: Data and Statistics

Q50

Over the past five years, what are the top three areas in which your country has made most progress when it comes to gender statistics at the national level? (Please check a maximum of three boxes)

Used more gender-sensitive data in the formulation of policy and implementation of programmes and projects
,
Improved administrative-based or alternative data sources to address gender data gaps
,
Produced knowledge products on gender statistics (e.g., user-friendly reports, policy briefs, research papers)

Q51

Over the next five years, which are your country's top three priorities for strengthening national gender statistics, out of the following? (Please check a maximum of three boxes)

Use more gender-sensitive data in the formulation of policy and implementation of programmes and projects

Conduct of new surveys to produce national baseline information on specialized topics (e.g., time use, gender-based violence, asset ownership, poverty, disability)

Other (please specify):

Renforcement de la production et amélioration de la disponibilité de données genrées par les administrations

Q52

Have you defined a national set of indicators for monitoring progress on the SDGs?

Yes

Q53

How many indicators does it include and how many of those are gender-specific?

Number of indicators	78
Number of gender-specific indicators	3

Q54

Has data collection and compilation on gender-specific indicators begun?

Yes

Q55

Which of the following disaggregations is routinely provided by major surveys in your country?

**Geographic location,
Income,
Sex/gender,
Age,
Education**

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Q56

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