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- 2018-2019: “Enhancing usage and uptake of the standards for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”
  - Awareness raising
- 2019-2022: “Enhancing usage and uptake of standards for sustainable development, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls”
  - Guidance, workshops, websites
- 2024-2026: “Enabling inclusivity by gender mainstreaming the quality infrastructure for trade”
  - Capacity building in country

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### Enabling inclusivity by gender mainstreaming the quality infrastructure for trade

## PROJECT PROPOSAL

#### Objective

Standards shape the products that surround us. They also help facilitate trade. It is important to ensure that all human beings are properly represented in the processes that develop the standards that affect them, especially women and that this gender mainstreaming remains constant throughout the quality infrastructure for trade.

Building upon work within the UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6), this project will raise awareness and build capacity on gender mainstreaming in standards development bodies and the government agencies involved in the quality infrastructure for trade.

#### Activity area 1. Capacity building on gender-responsive standards



Assistance to specific SDO signatories of the *Declaration* to draft and implement gender action plans for gender-responsive standards and gender inclusive standards development. This will include building consensus and buy-in. This will include enhanced participation within the WP.6 ToS-GRS and presenting the work through this forum.

#### Activity area 2. Capacity building on gender-mainstreaming the quality infrastructure



Assistance to relevant quality infrastructure agencies (market surveillance, metrology, certification) and related services (conformity assessment, testing laboratories)... to ensure that the gender-mainstreaming of standards is reflected throughout the quality infrastructure services. This will include training and awareness raising workshops.

#### Activity area 3. Dissemination and awareness raising



This will include a launch event within each target economy in order to raise awareness to the widest possible audience at the outset of the project and specifically target SDO and other quality infrastructure agencies and services as well as the general public. This will also include a global conference at the end of the project in order to disseminate the results as widely as possible. Further training modules, promotional materials and guidance materials are planned.