



Seventh Workshop on Forging Partnerships for Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific:

Effective Collaboration for Increasing Availability, Access and Use of Quality Gender Statistics

10 - 11 September 2018
Chiba, Japan

Concept Note

Background

In September 2013, the Bureau of the Committee on Statistics established *the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific*, with a mandate to act as a facilitator of information-sharing and of coordination among national statistical training institutions, regional and international statistical training providers and donor agencies providing funding for statistical training in the region.

One of the key strategies adopted by the Network to carry out its mandate is to establish subgroups that look at training needs and challenges for specific statistical domains. As of 2018, the 25-member Network has established two such subgroups—one on agricultural and rural statistics and another on economic statistics.

In 2016, UN Women launched a flagship programme initiative, Making Every Women and Girl Count (MEWGC). The MEWGC aims to bring about a radical shift in how gender statistics are used, produced and promoted in countries by strengthening the enabling policy environment, addressing data production gaps and increasing effective demand for, availability of and access to gender data and statistics. This initiative provides a collaborative framework for all relevant actors – governments, international agencies and implementing partners, including civil society organizations and the private sector— for providing coordinated support, *including capacity*

building through training, to ensure that the challenges impeding the production and use of gender statistics are addressed in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The MEWGC is being implemented *initially* from 2016-2021.

As part of its founding resolution, UN Women maintains a Training Centre (TC) dedicated to supporting the UN and other stakeholders to realize commitments to gender equality, women's empowerment and women's rights through transformative training and learning. In terms of capacity-development strategies and techniques, the TC makes maximum use of on-line training techniques, paying special attention to e-learning courses and an active learning approach.

Working with TC, MEWGC aims to develop and implement a 3-year capacity-building/learning plan (MEWGC-CBLP) addressing the capacity development required for different audiences at different levels and contexts. The MEWGC-CBLP will map existing training tools and resources, develop the content of trainings for different modalities and targeted audiences and provide training to government officials and users in Asia-Pacific countries.

In the Asia-Pacific region, TC and UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) propose to work with *the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific* in the development of the MEWGC-CBLP. Engagement with *the Network* will strengthen coordination, provide access to training expertise in developing tools and training resources as well as in their delivery at the regional level and facilitate South-South cooperation in knowledge sharing, among others.

Specifically, UN Women has proposed that *the Network* establish a subgroup on gender statistics. While prioritizing MEWGC project countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the training resources developed will be freely available to countries in the region. SIAP and UN Women are co-organizing the *Seventh Workshop on Forging Partnerships for Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific: Effective Collaboration for Increasing Availability, Access and Use of Quality Gender Statistics* in Chiba, Japan, on 10-11 September 2018.

Objectives

The objectives of the workshop are the following:

- To deepen understanding of the capability of national statistical systems to produce, compile, analyse and use gender statistics for policy formulation and planning, as well

as for the implementation and monitoring of national development strategies and specific gender equality and women's empowerment commitments

- To review the ongoing capacity-building initiatives on gender statistics, with focus on training-related components of these initiatives
- To develop and agree on the terms of reference of a subgroup of *the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific* for gender statistics
- To map out an initial programme of work of the subgroup

Expected outcome

The workshop will prepare a draft proposal to establish a Subgroup on Training for Gender Statistics of *the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific*, including the Terms of Reference of the Subgroup and a proposed initial programme of work of the subgroup.

The proposal will be presented for consideration and endorsement of the Network at its Fourth Meeting.

Expected Participants

- Heads of training organizations of the National Statistical System in member countries of the Network: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and Thailand
- Representatives of member international training providers and donors of the Network: Asia Development Bank; Eurostat, the European Commission; Food and Agriculture Organization; International Labour Organization; International Monetary Fund; International Statistical Institute; Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century; Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries; Secretariat of the Pacific Community; United Nations Statistics Division; The University of the South Pacific; and World Bank
- Heads of gender statistics units or gender statistics focal points of National Statistical Offices of Albania, Bangladesh, Georgia, Nepal and Kyrgyzstan

Workshop Design and Provisional Agenda

The design of the workshop sessions will aim to effectively and efficiently meet the objectives of the workshop. The agenda will include:

- Presentations and discussions to support deliberations on the terms of reference and programme of work of a subgroup on gender statistics. Notably, presentations on:

- the status of production and use of gender statistics in national statistical systems
- capacity building needs on gender statistics in countries—reflecting both producer and user needs
- ongoing and planned capacity building initiatives on gender statistics at global, regional and national levels, with focus on training-related activities
- Participants will be divided in two groups to discuss various issues in terms of the rationale and the terms of reference of the subgroup, specific strategies and expected results, and program of work for next five years

Participants will be requested by the organizers to take on specific contributing roles for the workshop, which would include: preparing case study papers, making presentations, leading plenary and small group discussions, and drafting the proposal for the establishment of the subgroup.

All discussions and documents will be in English only.

Note

The Fourth Meeting of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific will be held in the same venue on 12 September 2018.