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## **Workshop on Gender Statistics for SDG Indicators**

12 - 16 November 2018

Chiba, Japan

### **Concept Note**

Gender mainstreaming and empowerment of women have become two core policies for gender equality that need to be implemented in tandem. However, the world is still in the process of exploring, by trial and error, how these policies should be translated into specific measures, programs and activities.

Statistics that adequately reflect the realities faced by women and men, girls and boys—gender statistics for short—are indispensable tools for developing evidence-based policies and solutions in order to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment. Such statistics, which include but are not limited to sex-disaggregated data, shed light on areas where progress is made, provide evidence of what works, and reveal gaps where further efforts are needed..

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with the Government of Japan, is organizing the Seventh Global Forum on Gender Statistics under the *Global Gender Statistics Programme*. This event will bring together producers and users of gender statistics from national and international statistical offices, other government agencies, international organizations, academia, civil societies and the donor communities. The Forum will be an opportunity to discuss ways to improve data and obtain evidence for gender policies, in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The 2030 Agenda explicitly calls for enhancing capacity building to support national plans to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This workshop will provide an opportunity to participants to learn the basic concepts, compilation and analysis related to gender statistics through hands-on sessions, with the overall aim of enhancing the capacity to produce a set of gender related indicators, to track and monitor the SDGs; organizing the workshop

coinciding with the Global Forum is expected to further contribute to broadening an understanding of gender statistics.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of the workshop are to enhance the capacity of entities which belong to national statistical systems through provision of training to statistical staff, in order to increase their knowledge and to develop their skills to produce data, to apply appropriate statistical methods to produce gender statistics as well as indicators, to interpret and to utilise these for monitoring progress in achieving the SDGs.

## **Expected outcome**

1. To understand what gender statistics are
2. To understand what the role of gender statistics in decision making is
3. To develop a supportive policy and institutional environment to prioritize gender data and effective monitoring of the SDGs

## **Topics**

The course will cover the following:

- Introductory lecture on basic concepts of gender statistics
- Introductory lecture on needs and application of gender statistics in various development fields
- Sessions to learn about good examples and best practices on gender statistics
- Practical sessions on interpretation of gender statistics

## **Participants**

Statisticians from countries of Asia and the Pacific, preferably those in charge of gender statistics

## **Notes**

The first part of the workshop will be held in Chiba on 12 to 13 November. Participants will also attend selected sessions of the Seventh Global Forum on Gender Statistics to learn about good

examples and best practices on gender statistics in Tokyo on 14 to 15 November. The final part of the workshop will take place in Chiba on 16 November.

The Workshop will be held in English.