

Gender Data NETWORK

Stats Café Concept Note

Reinvigorating the SDGs through gender and inclusive data: Harnessing the power of networks

Date: Tuesday, May 30

Time: 11:30am-12:45pm Bangkok time

As we move closer to 2030, it is important to reflect on our progress to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, which is not possible without accurate, timely, and high-quality gender data. Inclusive and disaggregated data are critical for the leave no one behind agenda. Capacity constraints, lack of political will, and inefficient funding, however, hamper a country's ability to monitor and enact inclusive development policies.

Cross-country knowledge exchange among national data actors is an important mechanism to address these challenges. Such exchanges can create a learning network to apply and scale good practices to produce, analyze, and use gender data. This is most evident through the experience of the [Gender Data Network \(GDN\)](#). Founded in 2019, the GDN is a joint initiative between the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Data2X, PARIS21, and Open Data Watch (ODW). The GDN is designed to raise the standard of gender data production to better link with demand, improve the effectiveness of communication of and about gender data, and encourage gender data use across participating countries. The network, as of April 2023, is comprised of senior government gender statisticians from 22 African countries, attracted to the network because of the common goal of responding to the paucity and underutilization of gender data by improving the production and use of gender data within national statistical systems.

The benefits of collaborative action through such a network include, but are not limited to, strengthening individual skills and confidence, fostering connections between gender data experts across the African continent, encouraging peer to peer learning and development, and providing training to enable collective improvements in regional gender data.

This Stats Cafe aims to provide an overview of the current state of gender statistics within the Asia-Pacific region. The session will also showcase innovative strategies, opportunities, and relationships current members have built through participation in GDN activities, particularly in the Africa region, and will discuss the value proposition of its expansion to the Asia-Pacific region. By participating in this session attendees will learn more about and appreciate the:

- State of gender statistics in the Asia-Pacific region, including opportunities for improvement and collaboration
- Importance of cross-country exchange in scaling innovative gender data collection, analysis, and dissemination strategies
- Value of cohort experiences that facilitate continued professional and personal development
- Impact of the GDN and possibilities for potential expansion to the Asia-Pacific region

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Agenda

Time	Activity	Speaker
4 mins	Welcome and Introduction	Rachael Beaven, ESCAP
Part I: Overview of Gender Statistics in the Asia-Pacific Region		
6 mins	Summary of the Global Review of Gender Statistics in the Asia-Pacific Region	Sharita Serrao, ESCAP
15 mins	Panel: Status of gender statistics and readiness to meet gender data needs for national development priorities and the 2030 Agenda (1-2 min intro and 6 mins presentations by speakers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Lauren Harrison, PARIS21 (TBC) • Wilma A. Guillen, Philippine Statistics Authority • Shaista Bi, Fiji Bureau of Statistics
5 mins	Audience Q&A	Lauren Harrison, PARIS21 (TBC)
Part II: Harnessing the Power of Networks to Improve Gender Data Collection, Analysis, and Use		
6 mins	Introduction to the GDN	Meriem Ait Ouyahia, PARIS21 (TBC)
24 mins	Panel: Impact of networks to improve gender data collection, analysis, and use with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building cohort experiences • Facilitating cross-country exchange • Capacity-building through targeted trainings <i>Interventions will be followed by brief 1 min final reflections on the speakers' GDN experience</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Krista Jones Baptista, Data2X (TBC) • Caroline Gatwiri Mutwiri, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics • Gloria Akoto-Bamfo, Ghana Statistical Service • Emma Phiri, Zambia Statistical Agency
5 mins	Audience Q&A	Krista Jones Baptista, Data2X (TBC)
Part III: Next Steps and Opportunities for Involvement		
6 mins	Expansion of the Gender Data Network to the Asia-Pacific region	Shaida Badiee, Open Data Watch
4 mins	Closing	Rachael Beaven, ESCAP
Total Run Time: 75 mins		