

**Technical meeting to strengthen gender indicators and related data production  
and use in response to policy demands in Viet Nam**

19 – 22 March 2019  
Hai Phong, Viet Nam

**Programme**

19 March 2019	DAY ONE	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	Resource
<b>Opening Session</b>		
09:00 – 09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcoming remarks: Mr. Vu Thanh Liem (GSO – Deputy Director General) &amp; Mr. Do Anh Kiem (GSO – Director of the Environmental and Social Statistics Department)</li> <li>▪ Orientation and expected results of the technical meeting</li> <li>▪ Introduction of participants</li> <li>▪ Group photo</li> </ul>	Sharita Serrao (ESCAP) & Sara Duerto Valero (UN Women)
<b>Session 1: Setting the scene on the policy-data landscape for gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE) in Viet Nam</b>		
09:45 – 10:10	<p><u>Trigger presentation: Connecting policies and data for gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE) (20 min):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Policy and official statistics process, interaction and vicious cycle at national level</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Women’s economic empowerment (WEE) as an example: policies, priority issues, and addressing intersectionalities</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Developing a comprehensive national gender indicator set and need for user-producer engagement</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion (5 min)</u></p>	Sharita Serrao (ESCAP)
10:10 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30 – 10:50	<p><u>Country presentation - Part 1: Viet Nam’s progress on integration of the SDGs in national planning and commitment to other global and regional frameworks in the context of GEWE (15 min):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Assessment and prioritization of global SDG targets and indicators in Viet Nam in the context of GEWE:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Which SDGs have been transposed in national plans and monitoring systems (with a focus on GEWE)</i></li> <li>- <i>How have WEE issues/targets and indicators in the national SDGs framework been integrated in different national and sectoral policies/plans/strategies?</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <i>Viet Nam’s VNR experience (with a focus on GEWE issues)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Other global/regional frameworks of relevance to Viet Nam in the context of GEWE and related monitoring and reporting processes</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion (5 min)</u></p>	Tran Minh Hue (Ministry of Planning and Investment)

10:50 – 11:10	<p><u>Country presentation - Part 2: The policy landscape in Viet Nam: national policy and monitoring frameworks in the context of GEWE (15 min):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Gender Equality Law, Gender Equality Strategy and National Action Plan/Programme on Gender Equality (key thematic areas covered; links between the policy documents; overarching purpose; timelines; implementing agencies and stakeholders)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>National monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the Gender Equality Law and Strategy</i></li> <li>▪ <i>How have these documents guided national actions related to GEWE in Viet Nam?</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion (5 min)</u></p>	Le Khanh Luong (Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs)
11:10 – 11:45	<p><u>Country presentation - Part 3: Data landscape for GEWE in Viet Nam (30 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>National Statistical Indicators on Gender Development 2011 and 2019 (evolution between the two sets; criteria for the selection of indicators; consultation process for the development of the 2019 set; mandate and purpose of the 2019 set; key agencies involved)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Degree of inclusion of gender-related considerations in Viet Nam's strategy for the development of statistics</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Institutional framework for gender data (agencies responsible for production/dissemination; existing key data sources; main users/uses of the data; data sharing procedures)</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion (5 min)</u></p>	Nguyen Thi Viet Nga (General Statistics Office)
<b>Session 2: A structured approach for identifying data needs and indicators</b>		
11:45 – 12:30	<p><u>Presentation: Introduction to the generic Policy-Data Integration tool (EPIC) (35 min):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The tool: rationale, objectives, conceptual framework</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Key features</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Expected outputs</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Step-by-step process</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Introduction to the results template</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion (10 min)</u></p>	Sharita Serrao (ESCAP)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 14:15	<p><u>Experimentation of the EPIC tool (45 min):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Demonstration of the application of the tool on a section of the Law on Gender Equality: identification of issues for actions, relevant core concepts and corresponding target groups</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Hands-on experimentation of the tool by participants</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Introduction to project work: objective, expected outputs, instructions and formation of groups</i></li> </ul>	Sharita Serrao (ESCAP)
<b>Session 3: Project work phase #1 –Assessing the coverage of the policy documents for issues for action, associating with core concepts and identifying reference population and target groups</b>		
14:15 – 15:15	<p><u>Country project work #1 (4 groups):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 6: List issues for action (IA) reflected in the narrative and/or planning logic (logical framework and M&amp;E section) of the policy document</i></li> </ul>	

15:15 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30 – 17:00	<u>Country project work #1 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 7: Associate IA with core concepts (CCs) to create an IA/CC combination</i></li> </ul>	
<b>20 March 2019</b>	<b>DAY TWO</b>	
<b>Session 3 (cont.): Project work phase #1 cont.</b>		
09:00 – 10:15	<u>Country project work #1 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 8: Identify target groups (TGs) for each IA/CC combination</i></li> </ul>	
10:15 – 10:35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:35 – 11:30	<u>Country project work #1 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 8 cont.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Session 3 (cont.): Project work phase #2 – Towards the identification of relevant indicators</b>		
11:30 – 11:50	<u>Trigger presentation: Towards the development of a national indicator set on GEWE/WEE (20 min):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Overview of steps</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Introduction of the remaining excel worksheets</i></li> </ul>	Sharita Serrao (ESCAP)
11:50 – 12:30	<u>Presentation: Understanding input, output and outcome indicators (10 min)</u>  <u>Group exercise on classification of indicators and discussion (30 min)</u>	ESCAP & UN Women
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 15:30	<u>Country project work #2 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 9: Map national indicators on each IA/CC combination to identify suitable indicators for monitoring</i></li> </ul>	
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 17:00	<u>Country project work #2 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 10: Map global/regional indicators on each IA/CC combination to identify suitable indicators for monitoring</i></li> </ul>	
<b>21 March 2019</b>	<b>DAY THREE</b>	
<b>Session 3 (cont.): Project work phase #2 cont.</b>		
09:00 – 09:45	<u>Country project work #2 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 10 cont.</i></li> </ul>	
09:45 – 10:15	<u>Country project work #2 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 11: Compare identified national indicators (Step 9) with identified global/regional indicators (Step 10) for consistency (matched, partially matched, not matched):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Check consistency between national and SDG/global/regional indicators identified</i></li> <li>- <i>Explain potential inconsistencies (partial match or no match)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Suggest modifications needed to indicator descriptions to make them fit for national use</i></li> <li>- <i>Identify national indicators that do not match any policy actions</i></li> </ul>	
10:15 – 10:35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:35 – 11:30	<u>Country project work #2 (cont.):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>EPIC Step 11 cont.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Session 3 (cont.): Project work – Results and lessons learned from the application of the EPIC tool</b>		
11:30 – 12:30	<u>Country project work consolidation</u>  <i>Review of EPIC results vis-à-vis the National Statistical Indicators on Gender Development 2019 and the Gender Equality Strategy.</i>  <i>Based on results of EPIC, each group prepares 1-2 slides on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Recommendations to improve the National Statistical Indicators on Gender Development 2019</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What other thematic areas should have been covered?</i></li> <li>- <i>Which indicators should be added and why?</i></li> <li>- <i>Which indicators should be dropped and why?</i></li> <li>- <i>What additional population sub-groups should be covered?</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <i>Recommendations to improve the Gender Equality Strategy: issues for action and target groups not included in the policy document but that are priorities in the context of GEWE in Viet Nam (EPIC Step 12) (reference: core concepts, SDG targets etc.)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Overall lessons learned and potential value-add of using the policy-data integration tool to finalize the National Statistical Indicators on Gender Development 2019</i></li> </ul>	
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 14: 10	<i>Presentation of group work (4 groups x 10 mins each)</i>	
<b>Session 4: Aligning indicators to data sources and production cycles</b>		
14:10 – 15:00	<u>Presentation: Integration of a gender perspective in data production (40 min)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Gender Statistics and SDG monitoring</i></li> <li>▪ <i>SDG monitoring to Leave No One Behind</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Challenges and recommendations to consistently produce gender data</i></li> </ul> <u>Q&amp;A (10 min)</u>	Sara Duerto Valero (UN Women)
15:00 – 15:30	<u>Presentation: Gender data production in Viet Nam (20 min)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Gender-related indicators that are produced periodically</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Data sources and periodicity</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Periodic information products (survey reports, databases, others)</i></li> </ul> <u>Q&amp;A (10 min)</u>	Nguyen Thi Viet Nga (General Statistics Office)
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	

15:45 – 17:00	<p><u>Group exercise: Identifying what is not covered by Viet Nam’s priority indicators discerned during the EPIC exercise (45 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups of participants discuss additional indicators and groups that might have not been identified as priority indicators during the application of EPIC on the Gender Equality Law but that are covered by additional policy documents (e.g. National Development Strategy, National Statistical Development Strategy, mandates of specific Ministries)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion (30 min)</p>	
<b>22 March 2019</b>	<b>DAY FOUR</b>	
<b>Session 4 (cont.): Aligning indicators to data sources and production cycles</b>		
9:00 – 10:00	<p><u>Roundtable: Identifying priorities for gender data production and use by taking stock of challenges (45 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data producers discuss challenges to produce gender data and immediate plans (GSO) (15 min)</li> <li>Data users discuss challenges to use existing gender data and talks about gaps (wish-list of gender data and formats) (MOLISA) (15 min)</li> <li>Data users discuss challenges to use existing gender data and talks about gaps (wish-list of gender data and formats) (Academia) (15 min)</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (15 min)</p>	GSO, MOLISA, Academia
10:00 – 10:45	<p><u>Group work: Linking existing data sources to the consolidated priority indicators list and identifying gaps (45 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups discuss available data sources and planned collection exercises with the aim of filling data gaps to monitor progress using the indicators selected (including the additional indicators)</li> <li>Groups discuss also available and planned data sources to reconcile user’s needs</li> <li>Identify key gaps to prioritize data production for, and state why</li> </ul>	
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:15	Group presentations of findings in plenary (15 min)	
<b>Session 5: Gender data dissemination, analysis, communication and use</b>		
11:15 – 12:00	<p><u>Trigger presentation: Communicating and disseminating gender data (30 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring data gets disseminated</li> <li>How to communicate gender data clearly</li> <li>Communicating with data producers</li> <li>Communicating with data users</li> <li>Writing data stories for media/social</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (15 min)</p>	Sara Duerto Valero (UN Women)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	

13:00 – 14:15	<p><u>Group exercise: Analysing gender data for communication purposes (60 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Groups complete several exercises on data analysis, visualization and communication</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Plenary discussion of results (15 min)</u></p>	
14:15 – 14:45	<p><u>Trigger presentation: Opportunities and challenges for long term collaboration and dialogue between data users and producers in the context of GEWE (10 min)</u></p> <p><u>Trigger presentation: Opportunities and challenges for long term collaboration and dialogue between data users and producers in the context of GEWE (10 min)</u></p> <p><u>Q&amp;A (10 min)</u></p>	<p>Sara Duerto Valero (UN Women)</p> <p>CSO</p>
14:45 – 15:30	<p><u>Group work: establishing strategies for systematic gender data dissemination and use in Viet Nam (45 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Prioritization on ways to disseminate data through user-producer dialogue</i></li> </ul>	
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 16:00	<u>Plenary discussion (15 min)</u>	
16:00 - 16:40	<p><u>Group work: Planning for future collaboration with UN Women and UNESCAP (4 groups)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Agencies/partners involved in future collaboration</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Short-term and long-term activities and outcomes with UN Women/UNESCAP (including plan for completing application of EPIC and use of results)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Potential impediments to further collaboration</i></li> </ul>	
16:40 – 17:10	<p><u>Group-work presentations (4 x 5 min)</u></p> <p><u>Discussion (10 min)</u></p>	
17:10 – 17:30	<u>Summary and closing remarks</u>	<p>Mr. Vu Thanh Liem (GSO – Deputy Director General), Sharita Serrao (ESCAP) &amp; Sara Duerto Valero (UN Women)</p>