Gender Statistics in the Pacific: Establishing a Roadmap for better production and use of Gender Statistics to monitor the SDGs in the Pacific

February 12-15, Nadi, Fiji

The regional workshop titled "Gender Statistics in the Pacific: Establishing a Roadmap for better production and use of gender statistics to monitor the SDGs in the Pacific" is an event organized jointly by UN Women, SPC, ESCAP's Office for the Pacific and UNFPA, that will bring together Government Statisticians, Gender Statisticians and Gender data users from across the region (including policy makers, media, academicians and civil society organizations) to discuss the importance of producing, disseminating and using gender statistics extensively and to come up with concrete steps on how to make this happen.

During the workshop, participants will assess key needs and challenges pertaining to the production and dissemination of SDG-related Gender Statistics in the Pacific, as well as other gender statistics related to national and regional gender equality commitments. This work will build on progress achieved in the Pacific through existing initiatives managed by a range of development partners, including SPC, PIFS, ESCAP, UNICEF, UNFPA, Government of Australia, ADB, World Bank and others. For instance, among other initiatives, this event will build on work carried out for reporting on the 2012 Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration and associated Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development country work plans and regional programmes, which have increased focus on gender statistics as critical tools to monitor and evaluate gender-equality polices. Similarly, this work will also build on existing statistical efforts to monitor progress using the National Minimum Development Indicators and will explore the possibility to support an update to this set from a gender equality perspective. In addition, this workshop will also complement ESCAP's work in the Pacific to support countries ensure their national indicator frameworks adequately track progress towards national priorities/plans.

In addition, and beyond SDG localization and regional priority setting efforts, the workshop will serve as a starting point to filling up gender data gaps and overcoming some of the challenges that will be identified. Particularly, the objectives of the workshop will be to:

1) Assess the gender dimensions in existing sets of localized SDG indicators in the region and other indicator sets such as the NMDI
2) Explore the possibility of updating regional indicator sets from a gender equality perspective
3) Validate assessments on existing challenges to producing, disseminating and using gender statistics in the Pacific
4) Study existing initiatives and strategies implemented in other regions to enhance the production and use of gender statistics and evaluate whether the Pacific region could benefit from some of these
5) Evaluate the gender statistics needs of select data users from public institutions, civil society and academia

6) Draft a gender-sensitive regional Roadmap to produce, disseminate and use quality gender data to monitor the SDGs in the Pacific, including specific plans for support to data production, dissemination and use.

7) Begin work towards establishing appropriate mechanisms for the endorsement and future implementation of this roadmap, including modalities for implementation, roles and responsibilities.

Draft Agenda:

Tuesday, 12 February 2019	
8:00 - 9:00	Opening, objectives and introductions
9:00 – 10:30	Session 1: Rationale for monitoring priorities in the Pacific Region from a gender equality perspective - Why gender statistics are important (UN Women) 15 min - Relevant regional commitments in the Pacific sub-region (SPC-gender) 15 min - The NMDI: what is included and what is missing from a gender perspective (SPC - statistics) 15 min - Gender statistics and monitoring national priorities (Palau) 15 min - Q&A 30 min
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
	Session 1 (continued) - Breakout group exercise: identifying common thematic areas between the existing commitments in the region 45 min - Plenary discussion: common areas across frameworks in the Pacific 30 min
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:30	Session 2: Identifying priority gender areas for a Pacific roadmap on gender statistics - Global frameworks: key gender-related SDG indicators, minimum set of gender indicators (UN Women) 20 min - Key regional priorities for Asia and the Pacific and related regional work and country support to link national policy priorities to data: using the EPIC tool (ESCAP) 20 min - Linking national policy priorities to data: producing gender statistics and ensuring these are used for decision making (Samoa) 20 min - Q&A 20 min
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee break
14:45 – 15:30	*Producers* Session 2a (continued) - Brainstorming on data production priorities within NSS	*Users* Session 2b (continued) - Brainstorming on data user needs within national government, media, academia, CSOs.
15:30 – 17:00	Session 2 (continued) Take notes in flipcharts - Plenary discussion: Data producers present summary of priorities 20 min - Plenary discussion: Data users present summary of needs 20 min

Commented [SDV1]: Historical perspective on what strategies are in place, existing sets of indicators & commitments (from a gender statistics point of view)

Commented [SDV2]: Summary of NMDI (topics, no of indicators, history, etc); % of indicators where data is not available, mention of other key indicators currently NOT included in the NMDI that might be very relevant for gender equality

Commented [SDV3]: Is this a good country to present on this?.

Commented [SDV4]: Exercise to compare existing frameworks.

Commented [NH5R4]: Nea to begin by identifying existing commitments. So we have the list on show (on butchers paper on the wall)
ASK PARTICIPANTS: participants to bring a list / documents of their existing commitments

Commented [SDV6]: Existing global sets, overlap, data availability globally, data availability in the Pacific

Commented [SDV7]: Regional commitments, such as the collective vision and the ESCAP set of gender indicators, and regional work to produce and use these data

Commented [SDV8]: Experience producing gender statistics publications/databases and how data users are using them/ or how the NSO is encouraging ministries and CSOs to use them.

Commented [SDV9]: -Are SDGs or Regional commitments guiding the data production priorities?
- Are there any particular areas of gender statistics that your government is emphasizing the data production for?
-Are there any areas where your country wishes to produce data but lacks either technical capacity or resources? If so, which ones?

Commented [SDV10]: -What are the thematic areas of statistics that you use the most for policy making/advocacy/accountability purposes
-Are there any key areas for which you would like to have statistics but you don't have the data?
-Are there any areas for which you can find the data but you don't know how to interpret/use it?
- Are you involved in data reporting for any national or international strategies/commitments?

	- Q&A 20 min - Voting exercise and discussion to identify common areas/priority areas 30 min
Wednesday, 13 February 2019	
8:00 – 10:30	Set up podium with 5 chairs for roundtable Take notes of key challenges (and add any potentially forgotten) Session 3: Challenges to producing and using the necessary data from a gender perspective to inform strategies, priorities, information products and accountability exercises - Roundtable: challenges to producing gender data identified in various assessment exercises (UN Women, SPC, ADB) 20 min each + conversation and follow-up questions
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:30	Session 3 (continued) - Roundtable: challenges to producing and using gender data in the Pacific, including associated with thematic areas (UNFPA, UN Women FMCO, ADB/ILO, FWRM, USP) 15 min each + conversation and follow-up questions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break Prepare flipcharts with key challenges (for afternoon)
13:30 – 14:00	*Producers* Session 3a (continued) - Voting exercise on key challenges to produce gender data - Discussion on possible ways to overcome each of the key challenges	*Users* Session 3b (continued) - Voting exercise on key challenges to use gender data to inform strategies, information products and accountability exercises - Discussion on possible ways to overcome these challenges
14:00 – 14:30	Session 3 (continued) - Notetaker from Producers group presents results of discussion 10 min - Notetaker from Users group presents results of discussion 10 min - Q&A 10 min
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee break Set up chairs for roundtable

14:45 – 17:00	Session 4: User producer dialogue on enhancing the availability and use of gender statistics in the Pacific
	- Roundtable on potential solutions, including:
	   o Trigger presentation: Enhanced mechanisms for user-producer dialogue at the national level (Jessica) 15 min
	   o 1st Dialogue: Solutions to enhance user-producer communication at the country level (Fiji 2 participants, FWCC, USP) 10 min each + Q&A
	   o 2nd Dialogue: Existing training on communication, coordination and user-producer dialogue (UNFPA, ADB, SPC, ESCAP, UN Women, other) 10 min each + Q&A

Thursday, 14 February 2019	

Commented [SDV11]: Add to the lists in flipcharts any additional areas that might have been forgotten during the conversations

Commented [SDV12]: General challenges to producing and using gender data and the FPI programme

Commented [SDV13]: Regional-specific challenges to producing gender data. Results from previous assessments carried out by SPC.

Commented [SDV14]: ADB experience supporting pacific countries for data production – specific challenges encountered in terms of both modalities and content. Also challenges to use existing data (for instance, for the production of regional reports). In addition, you could talk about some of the work ADB is supporting in connection with anonymization, small area estimation or other relevant topics

Commented [SDV15]: Challenges to producing VAW prevalence data in the Pacific and challenges to using/interpreting (usual mistakes)

Commented [SDV16]: Challenges to producing and using violence estimates with administrative data and plans

Commented [SDV17]: Challenges to producing and using Time Use and asset ownership data

Commented [SDV18]: Challenges to using existing information on violence

Commented [SDV19]: Challenges to using gender data for analysis/academic purposes in the Pacific

Commented [SDV20]:

Commented [NH21R20]: Give some clear guide for the discussion such as 'what could you do within existing resources, constraints? etc. The discussion can focus on developing a strategy/strategies to overcome each challenge.
This session may take more time than allocated. We can try to keep it tight by limiting the key challenges to 3-4.

Commented [SDV22]: Share experience in assessments in other countries to identify solutions

Commented [SDV23]: Each participant talks about communication mechanisms between users and producers and challenges, as well as proposes solutions

Commented [SDV24]: Briefly discuss existing training initiatives that each offers pertaining to communicating data, using data, enhancing coordination

8:00 – 9:30	Session 5: Identifying concrete solutions for better production and use of gender data for priority areas - Priorities identified for the Pacific in session 2 and summary of findings so far (Nea) 20 min - Preliminary assessment of data availability/use and gaps (statisticians place color coded stickers on indicators with available data, users also place different color stickers on indicators that they use (one color) and indicators they know exist but they don't use (another color)) 20 min
9:30- 9:45	Coffee break (count stickers)
9:45 -12:00	- Recount of findings (Nea) 10 min Take note of the solutions - Discussion on key challenges and solutions for producing data on specific areas of low availability (Nea and UNFPA) 45 min - Discussion on key challenges and solutions to enhance awareness of data sources and user-friendliness in areas with low use (Nea and UN Women) 45 min - Prioritizing solutions: what are the most important commitments to include in the Roadmap? (Nea and SPC) 20 min
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30	Session 5 (continued)
	- Roundtable discussion: overcoming challenges for data production in key thematic areas of gender statistics in the region 15 min each + Q&A
	   o UNFPA – VAW and Reproductive health
	   o UN Women FMC – VAW crime
	   o UN Women - TUS
	   o ADB – Asset ownership
	   o UN Women - Environment/disaster from a GE perspective

14:30 – 14:45	Coffee break

14:45 – 17:00	- Roundtable discussion: Potential solutions for enhancing the use of gender data 15 min each + Q&A
	   o Cook Islands (Ministry)
	   o Cook Islands (NSO)
	   o Micronesia (Ministry)
	   o Nauru (NSO)
	- What are the key solutions to enhance data dissemination and use for inclusion in the Roadmap? (Nea to moderate)
	   o Dialogue between Ministry and NSO to discuss priorities and next steps for tackling this issue in Tonga. (Tonga, two participants) 20 min
	   o Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Micronesia weigh in on the points discussed 20 min
	   o Priority solutions to enhance data dissemination and use for inclusion in the roadmap (Nea) 20min

Friday, 15 February 2019	
8:00 – 10:00	Session 6: Creating a Roadmap for better production and use of gender statistics to monitor the SDGs in the Pacific

Commented [SDV25]: Provide an overview of what has been agreed so far, particularly regarding priority areas.

Commented [SDV26]: Summarize information, including:
-Indicators that have the largest datagaps (steer the conversation to find out why)
-Indicators that have data but most users aren't using it because they don't know exist
-Indicators that have data and users know exists, but they are still not using it (probably because it is too complex or difficult to access)

Commented [SDV27]: The goal is to find out:
1)What to do to produce some of these statistics in the coming years (e.g. plans for surveys, need for training, coordination issues within the NSS, etc)
2)Can we get some commitments or at least expressions of interest from countries to produce some of this data? Can we find out how we can support them to make this happen?

Commented [SDV28]: Nea and UNFPA to lead discussion with inputs from any other entities that might have expertise in any of the thematic areas identified as low availability

Commented [SDV29]: Again, Nea and UN Women to lead, with inputs from any others with expertise

Commented [SDV30]: The goal here is to find concrete solutions to enhance data use (for inclusion in our roadmap)

Commented [SDV31]: QUESTION FOR BOTH PEOPLE FROM MINISTRY: Name some of the solutions you see that will help you findinh gender data more easily, understanding the data, analyzing it and ultimately using it

Commented [SDV32]: QUESTION FOR BOTH PEOPLE FROM NSO: Name some of the solutions that would help you better communicate gender data to non-expert audiences, including beyond government agencies.

Commented [SDV33]: -Do you agree or disagree that these are the key priorities to include in the Roadmap pertaining to data dissemination and use?
- Are these relevant across all countries in the sub-region?
- What would be your choice of top priority if you could only choose one?

	- Learning from good practices: Presentation of Caribbean RSDS (Paris21 or UN Women) 20 min - Group breakout: Brainstorming on key areas that the Roadmap should include 1 hour
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 – 12:00	- Modalities for endorsing the roadmap: actors and adoption process (SPC) 20 min - Breakout discussion on crafting the roadmap: Establishing a sub-group to lead this work 1 hour
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 16:00	Session 7: Next steps - Plenary discussion on next steps for crafting the roadmap 30 min - Summary of suggestions and agreement on next steps (Nea) 20 min - Proposed reporting mechanisms for the subgroup (SPC and ESCAP)10 min each - Brief brainstorming: Key events in the Pacific where this could be discussed (Nea) 10 min
14: 10 – 14:30	Coffee break
14:30 – 15:30	AOB and Closing

As a result of these discussions, it is expected that countries in the Pacific will establish a Roadmap, including a set of priority gender indicators, as well as a plan, including a timeline, for implementation of gender-related statistical activities in the region – with detailed activities on how to produce and use related gender data and how to approach different development partners for support to each of them. In addition, because both Chief Statisticians and Heads of government offices responsible for gender equality will be invited to attend, the event is expected to enhance dialogue and raise high-level buy-in for gender statistics. Dialogue between data users and producers is expected to clarify users needs and inform the design of future statistical plans.

Commented [SDV34]: Not sure if they will be available at this time to connect

Commented [NH35R34]: If a roadmap is the desired outcome you could have this presentation on the first day. It is always good for people to see the end point to keep them focused on the task.
But it is also good here to focus the day.

Commented [SDV36]: Ideally areas should be cross-cutting and not thematic (e.g. enabling environment, gender data production, gender data communication/dissemination and use). Additionally, there could be selection of a few key topics the subregion wants to focus data production on… but I would be afraid of international partners each pushing for their pet area…

Commented [NH37R36]: This session should build on all the work and priorities agreed upon during the workshop. So that could be the starting point. Priorites agreed on can be organized into thematic areas and presented to this session. Then other areas could be discussed.

Commented [SDV38]:
-Breakout groups must be a mix of users and producers
-Subgroup must also include users and producers (countries and not UN entities)
-Discuss/identify TOR for the subgroup
-Work to prepare a table that includes a timeline and a list of steps to craft the Roadmap

Commented [NH39R38]: Is this where people put up their hands to do the work? What do the others do who are not part of the sub-group?

Commented [SDV40R38]: In similar processes in other regions we found it is most useful to have a smaller group to lead the hands-on work. This 4-5 people group should work on preparing the draft and providing comments relatively fast once we get drafting. The rest of countries will also get a chance to provide comments at a latter stage, but maybe not in every round.

Commented [SDV41]: Presentations from breakout groups

Commented [SDV42]: Nea, will you be able to steer the discussion to reach some sort of agreement on how to proceed with this?

Commented [NH43R42]: I think this is best done as a large group. Most of the next steps will be presented by the sub groups.

Commented [SDV44]: Kim, Chris,
Since there might be two information flows to move ahead with this agreement (one through ESCAP's Committee & Stat Commission, and one through the Pacific Secretariat's …

Commented [SDV45]: I think this brief brainstorming wont be anything but asking for ideas of upcoming events, should take two min really, but I left it at 10