Meeting of the SPECA Working Group on Gender and SDGs

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Outline


II. Workplan for 2021/2022 / План работы на 2021-2022 гг
Activities 2019-2020

- 2019 session of the SPECA Working Group on Gender and SDGs, 28 October 2019, Palais des Nations, UNECE, Geneva
- Capacity-building activities to support women entrepreneurs in the SPECA region, UNECE and MASHAV/MCTC, June-July 2020 and November 2020
- North and Central Asia dialogue on Gender and Economy and the Empowerment of Women, ESCAP, 26 November 2019

Деятельность за период 2019-2020 гг

- Деятельность по наращиванию потенциала для поддержки женщин предпринимателей в регионе СПЕКА
Building capacity for women’s entrepreneurship

Biannual workshops organised by MCTC/MASHAV & UNECE

• “Support systems for women in small business at national and local levels”
• “Women entrepreneurs and information communication technologies”
Research

• “Beijing+25 Review: Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in SPECA Countries”, ESCAP

• UN Development Account 13 project, workstream 2 on strengthened care economy policies for the recovery:
  – time-span 2020-2021; all Regional Commissions
  – UNECE and ECA Regional Office of UN Women on regional assessments and country studies, including the SPECA sub-region and countries
  – National study of Kyrgyzstan
  – Capacity building webinars/workshops
Looking ahead: 2021-2022

• Continued cooperation with MCTC/MASHAV in training for SPECA countries (UNECE)
• Provide technical assistance to two countries (ESCAP):
  – Women’s economic empowerment
  – Catalyzing women’s entrepreneurship
• Regional, sub-regional (SPECA) and country research/analysis on strengthening care economy policies for a resilient recovery (UNECE):
  ✓ Investing in the care economy
  ✓ Empowering women through reducing the unpaid care
  ✓ National studies
• Technical assistance and capacity to be provided to MS including the SPECA countries
Looking ahead: 2021-2022 (cont)

• Conduct research/analysis and develop policy recommendations to identify trends, challenges and good practices on gender equality in Central Asia

• Finetune the mapping framework to support the implementation of the commitments of the B+25 Declaration (ESCAP):
  ▪ Assess progress made towards commitments
  ▪ Standardize methodologies
Discussion:

- Priorities at country and sub-regional levels with a focus on women’s economic empowerment in SPECA

- Enhancing the capacity of governments in Central Asia and the South Caucasus to mainstream gender in economic policies with a focus on care economy, reducing the unpaid care and promoting women’s entrepreneurship development in the context of COVID-19

- Q&A
Thank you!

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