

Inter-agency and Expert Group Meeting on Gender and MDGs in the Arab Region Cairo, 10-11 September 2007

Provisional Organization of Work

Day 1: Monday, September 10

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 **Opening Session**

- 1. Introductory remarks
 - Ms. Neda Jafar, Statistics Division, UN-ESCWA
 - Ms. Jocelyne Talbot, UNDP-SURF AS
- 2. Adoption of the agenda

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-13:30 Session I: Gender statistics: Past, present and future Chair: Ms. Zainab Safar, Arab Women Organization

- 1. Overview of accomplishments in engendering statistical work
 - "Engendering Statistics: An Overview of Accomplishments," Ms. Neda Jafar, Statistics Division, UN-ESCWA
 - *"Millennium Development Goals and Women's Empowerment,"* Ms. Maya Morsy, UNIFEM Arab States Regional Office
- 2. National gender statistics initiatives
 - "Gender Statistics in Jordan," Mr. Atif Khasawneh, Department of Statistics Jordan
 - "Development of Gender Statistics in the Sultante of Oman," Ms. Jalila Al Akhzami Ministry of National Economy Oman
 - "Gender Statistics in Palestine," Ms. Hama Zidan, Palestinian Central Bureau for Statistics
 - "Gender Statistics," Ms. Somia Khalid El Khair, Central Bureau of Statistics Sudan
 - *"Tunisian Experience in Mainstreaming Gender in Development Policies and Plans,"* Ms. Moufida Abbassi, Ministry of Women, Family, Children, and Elderly Affairs – Tunisia
 - *"Development of Gender Statistics in Yemen,"* Mr. Abdulkhaleq Mohep Alameh, Central Statistical Office Yemen
 - "National Report on the Development of Gender Statistics in Egypt," Ms. Soad El Hawary, CAPMAS Egypt
- 3. Discussion

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-17:00 Session II: Data requirements for measuring progress on gender issues Chair: Ms. Angela Me, Social and Demographic Statistics, UN-ECE

- 1. Review of Progress on Engendering the Millennium Development Goals (Background Document)
 - "Gender and the Millennium Development Goals: ESCWA Literature Review Background Document," Ms. Najwa Kefayah, Consultant
 - "Proposed Gender Issues and Gender Sensitive Indicators," Ms. Neda Jafar, Statistics Division, UN-ESCWA
- 2. Regional priority gender issues
 - *"Gender, Health and MDGs,"* Ms. Joanna Vogel, WHO-EMRO* (to be presented in Session III)
 - "The Human/Women's Rights Imperatives for the MDGs," Mr. Fateh Azzam, UN-OHCHR
- 3. Regional priority gender indicators
 - "Gender lens for quantitative and qualitative indicators: Towards engendered MDGs in AS," Ms. Jocelyne Talbot, UNDP-SURF AS
 - "Gender Indicators in the Arab Region," Ms. Souhair Azzouni," UN-ESCWA
 - *"Gender Equality and Labour Market Indicators in the Arab States,"* Ms. Simel Esim, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States
 - "Assessment of Data Availability of Gender Indicators in MDGs," Ms. Neda Jafar, Statistics Division, UN-ESCWA
- 4. Gaps and challenges in data availability
 - "Data Availability: Gaps, Challenges and Strategies," Ms. Neda Jafar, Statistics Division, UN-ESCWA
- 5. Discussion

Day 2: Tuesday, September 11

8:30-10:30 Session III: Data sources and methodologies Chair: Ms. Sulekha Patel, Development Data Group, World Bank

- 1. Administrative records, surveys, and censuses
 - *"Data Sources and Methodologies,"* Ms. Lotta Persson, International Consulting Office, Statistics Sweden
 - *"Gender Statistics in Morocco from a User-Producer Persepective,"* Mr. Mohammed Barrech, Directorate of Statistics– Morocco
 - "Data Sources for Gender Statistics and Indicators in the United Arab Emirates," Mr. Mohammed Al Mansouri, General Women's Union – UAE
 - *"Source of Gender Statistics,"* Ms. Angela Me, Social and Demographic Statistics, UN-ECE
- 2. Discussion
- 10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-13:30 Session IV: Enhancing capacities for gender-responsive monitoring and reporting and opportunities for future cooperation Chair: Simel Esim, ILO

- 1. Improving data availability
 - *"Engendering Statistical Systems in Egypt,"* Ms. Bothiana El-Deeb
 - *"Improving Data Availability,"* Ms. Lotta Persson, International Consulting Office, Statistics Sweden
 - "Improving Gender Sensitive Data Production and Use in African Countries: Challenges and Opportunities," Mr. Dimitri Sanga, UN-ECA
 - "Availability and Quality of Gender Statistics," Ms. Angela Me, Social and Demographic Statistics, UN-ECE
- 2. Gender Indicators for Policy-making
 - "Mainstreaming Gender in Policy," Ms. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, UNIFEM
 - "Gender Statistics from a Public Policy Perspective," Ms. Heba Nassar, Cairo University
- 3. Monitoring and reporting from a gender perspective
 - "AWO GIS Project," Ms. Zeinab Safar, Arab Women Organization
- 4. Common platform for knowledge management and information sharing
 - *"UNECE Programme on Gender Statistics,"* Ms. Angela Me, Social and Demographic Statistics, UN-ECE
 - *"Improving Gender Statistics: World Bank Plan of Action,"* Ms. Sulekha Patel, Development Data Group, World Bank
 - *"ESCWA Programme on Gender Statistics and Information Sharing,"* Ms. Gheda Temsah, Statistics Division, ESCWA
- 5. Discussion
- 13:30-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-16:30 Session V. Recommendations for gender-responsive MDG monitoring and reporting and opportunities for future cooperation Coordinator: Ms. Heba Nassar
- 16:30 -17:00 Closing Session