

Regional conference

ACCELERATING PROGRESS TOWARDS INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GENDER STATISTICS

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

Reliable and accessible gender statistics are essential for evidence-based policy formulation, planning, monitoring, and evaluation as well as monitoring achievement of commitments to gender equality, such as the [Beijing Platform for Action \(BPfA\)](#) and the [Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women \(CEDAW\)](#). The adoption of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) further emphasizes the need to support and invest in the national statistical system to fill out specific gender data gaps, increase the access and use of gender statistics to deliver on the central and transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda “leave no one behind”.

The [2019 joint UN Women - GEOSTAT conference](#) acknowledged the progress made by countries to advance the work on gender statistics particularly in areas such as creating enabling environments, fostering data collection for monitoring progress toward gender-related SDGs and improving the dissemination and communication to promote the access and use of gender data. More data has become available in the past five years and most of the countries reached at least 50% of

gender data availability needed to monitor the SDGs. For example, 83% of data needed to measure the violence against women by intimate partners (SDG 5.2.1) are now available even so the frequency of data collection remains an issue, as only a few countries in the region have completed two rounds of VAW prevalence surveys since 2015.

Despite this progress, several challenges remain, and more work needs to be done to improve availability, timeliness, quality, and use of gender data within the social protection, economic and climate domains. The [United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women \(UN Women\)](#), in collaboration with [National Statistics Office of Georgia \(GEOSTAT\)](#), is organizing the second edition of Regional Conference on Gender Statistics: “[Accelerating Progress towards Inclusive Development through Gender Statistics](#)” to take stock on the achieved results and to discuss priority topics in emerging area, including best practices on using existing data sources to produce gender statistics. The conference is dedicated to 105 Years’ Anniversary of the National Statistics Office of Georgia as well as to mark 25 Years of collecting Gender Statistics in Georgia.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The two-day conference aims to enhance the knowledge of participants and share the best practices and experiences on improving data and evidence for informed policy making on gender equality and women's empowerment. In particular, the conference has the following objectives (1.) to take stock of national strategies and practices for collection and use of gender data for better policy making, (2.) share progress made by countries to increase data availability in emerging areas, such as violence against women, unpaid care work, gender pay gap, etc. and to improve the level of data disaggregation to leave no one behind, and (3.) discuss how statistical offices can communicate gender data more effectively to ensure data users better understand and make use of available information. It will also give an opportunity to NSOs to share promising practices and experiences on harmonization and improvement of measurements and use of gender data across the region and to further enrich learning and peer-exchange.

Programme of the Regional Conference will be organized in sessions around thematic areas as follows:

1. Gender data governance for efficient decision making
2. Time Use Surveys: insights into care economy and gender inequality
3. Gender pay gap
4. The role of data in addressing violence against women
5. Gender Equality Index
6. Unlocking the power of gender data communications
7. Improving gender data disaggregation to leave no one behind.

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Venue: **Pullman Tbilisi Axis Towers,
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Tbilisi 0179**



PARTICIPANTS

The conference is intended for senior statisticians and gender focal points from national statistical offices, researchers, policymakers and development partners from Western Balkans, Turkey, Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia countries.

LANGUAGES

The working languages of the conference will be English. Simultaneous interpretation in Russian language will be provided.

MATERIALS

Presentation and other materials will be made available on the [GEOSTAT](#) and [UN Women website](#). Participants are highly encouraged to download papers from the website and, where feasible, to use electronic devices to read them in order to minimize paper use.

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