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# Accelerating progress towards Africa's Agenda 63 and the SDGs using gender statistics

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# Objectives

1) Take stock of progress made in gender statistics for implementing development frameworks at the global, regional, and national levels.

2) Disseminate the latest methodological developments and best practices in the production, communication and use of gender statistics.

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# Topics covered

- **Gender statistics work** at StatAfric (AUC), ECA, AfDB, UN Women, and other partners.
- **Progress** on Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063, and Beijing Platform for Action.
- The **Africa Gender Index** 2023: findings and launch.
- **Emerging topics** (Cross-border trade, technology-facilitated violence, gender and the environment, and gender data in humanitarian settings.)
- Developments in the **uptake and use of gender data**:
  - Care economy and time use surveys;
  - Health; and
  - Civil registration.
- Financing of gender statistics and gender-responsive budgeting.
- African Gender Programme on Gender Statistics and AGGES.

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# Conclusions – Day 1

1) Promote the production, communication, and use of quality data for monitoring and reporting progress on gender equality and women's empowerment.

2) The importance of improved coordination on the continent and capacity development initiatives on gender statistics.

3)The need for increased funding for gender statistics by Governments.

4) Weak integration of gender in the mechanisms for monitoring and documenting the SDGs other than SDG5.

5) Low disaggregation of data and limited intersectional analysis for many countries limit effective gender interventions.

5) The need for comprehensive national-level reviews of the progress made in implementing the Beijing Platform for Action.

6) STATAFRIC to create a gender unit and operationalization of the ShaSA gender subgroup.

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# Conclusions – Day 2

1) Gender gap in the **distribution of unpaid care and domestic work** prevents women from fully participating in the labour force.
2) Effective policies focus on the **5R strategy**:
   - Recognize, reduce, and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work
   - Reward and represent unpaid care workers.
   - There is a need to consider a sixth R focusing on risk.

3) Expert group work on time-use survey to be submitted to the UN Statistical Commission in 2024.

4) Inclusion of unpaid work in national accounts: Satellites accounts of household production.

5) South-South cooperation on gender-responsive budgeting.

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# Conclusions – Day 3

1) Promote the adoption of the UN Principles and recommendation for Vital Statistics System.
2) Increase the quota of female civil status officers.
3) Train stakeholders on the approach to raising awareness among the population to declare civil status events.
4) For births outside hospitals, develop the capacity of traditional birth attendants to facilitate declaration and registration.
5) Strengthen the capacities of actors involved in CRVS;
6) Establish multi-sector partnerships with the various producers of civil status data.

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# Conclusions – Day 4

1) Significant methodological and system gaps in the measurement of gender data in humanitarian settings.
2) Some progress is being made in developing tools to measure cross-border trade and once ready as many countries as possible should participate in its use and further refinement.
3) Updates on guidelines on measuring technology-facilitated violence and some experiences of its measurement were shared.
4) Ensure that the necessary legislation is in place to protect and support victims of TFV.
5) Methodologies and tools to measure TFV will be shared at the UN Statistical Commission in 2024.
6) There is a need for increased measurement on the continent of the nexus between gender and the environment and climate change.

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# Resolutions

***Guided:***

- ***The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action***
- ***Addis Ababa Action Plan*** (mobilizing finance for Agenda 2030)

***Acknowledge:***

- ***Progress made*** in the production of quality gender statistics, especially those related to the social sector.
- Effective CRVS systems provide a strong basis for comprehensive gender statistics systems.

***Recognize:*** **Increased demand for gender statistics** to measure, monitor and report progress towards gender equality.

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# Resolutions

***Concerned about:***

- **Persistent gender data gaps** on participation in the economy, public and political life, and gender-based violence against women, and the need to increase production of gender data on emerging issues including informal cross-border trade, information and communication technology (ICT) , the environment and climate change, and technology-facilitated violence.
- **Limited financing of gender data by national governments** - more advocacy is needed to address this.
- **Lack of coordination** between producers and users of gender statistics within countries, as well as between development partners working on gender statistics
- **Low uptake of gender-responsive budgeting**.
- Countries in or recovering from conflicts, and countries facing economic, environmental and political vulnerabilities face **unique challenges** in generating quality gender statistics.

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# The Way Foward

1) Strengthen national coordination mechanisms for gender statistics.
2) Strengthen the implementation of the APGS 2022-26.
3) Regional assessment of the status of gender statistics.
4) During the next two years have developed tools and methodologies for the measurement of:
   - Informal cross-border trade;
   - Technology-facilitated violence;
   - Gender data in humanitarian settings; and
   - Climate change and the environment.
5) Disseminate good practices in gender statistics andcrvs through South-South Cooperation.

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