



REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

Tracking and Monitoring Financing for Gender Equality

CONCEPT NOTE

Background and rationale

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Agenda commits to a “significant increase in investments to close the gender gap.” Ensuring requisite resources for gender equality is central to implementing and achieving SDG 5 and all gender targets across the framework. Tracking these allocations and making the data publicly available are important steps to assess progress towards addressing gaps in resourcing for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

The principle of adequate financing for gender equality is rooted in the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action (para 345 and 346), adopted in 1995. Inadequate financing hinders the implementation of gender responsive laws and policies. Data shows that financing gaps are sometimes as high as 90% with critical shortfalls in infrastructure, productive and economic sectors.

It is important to put in place appropriate budget tracking and monitoring systems and commit to making information about allocations for gender equality readily available to the

public. By tracking and making public gender equality allocations, governments promote greater transparency in and hence this could result in better accountability.

The monitoring process was started within the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) and it demonstrated that the majority of countries need much more substantial reforms to reach the SDG target 5.

Speakers will share positions, recommendations on the current status with best practices and challenges in the area of the investment to the women's rights and gender equality and share experience from the GPEDC monitoring and provide lessons learned from monitoring.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

This side event aims to present the current challenges of implementing SDG Target 5.c and provides concrete measures about how to ensure successful application of indicator 5.c.1 which currently is a Tier 2 indicator and needs to be improved to Tier 1 status. The speakers will provide case examples how SDG target 5.c. can be achieved and what needs to be done to make it become a reality in all UN Member States.

The definitions of 5.c. and 5.c.1 as agreed in the 2030 Agenda

TARGET 5.c *Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels*

INDICATOR 5.c.1 *Proportion of countries with systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment*

Tier 2: *Indicator is conceptually clear, has an internationally established methodology and standards are available, **but data are not regularly produced by countries.***

Organizers

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Agenda and Structure

1. *Introductory comments by Organizers*

2. *Presentations:*

a) *Tools to address urgent challenges in underinvestment to women's rights and gender equality*

Dr. Nurgul Djanaeva; Kyrgyzstan

b) *Lessons from the monitoring of the indicator*

Mrs Zohra Khan & Mrs Katherine Gifford, UN Women

c) *Role of women's groups in strengthening implementation of the target 5c*

Valentina Bodrug, Moldova

d) *Comments*

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