

UNFPA – UNSD – UN Women

Side Event at the

42nd Session of the Statistical Commission (22 to 25 February 2011)

& 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (22 February - 4 March 2011)

Making Gender Statistics Meaningful on the Ground

24 February 2011, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

North Lawn Building, Conference Room D

This side event hopes to point out the gaps and challenges in meeting the gender data needs of national and regional development partners – both government and civil society – and to invite greater collaboration among sister UN Agencies and development partners in order to address them.

The side event will provide an opportunity for countries to present and exchange views on ongoing gender statistics programmes and for UN Agencies and development partners to present their ideas and current work on gender statistics. It will address issues of data consistency and comparability and discuss current partnerships in the context of three recent Global Fora on Gender Statistics, the publication of “The World’s Women 2010: Trends and Statistics” and the establishment of UN Women.

Panel Discussion

8.30: [Participants are seated] Opening Remarks

UNFPA/UNSD Co-chairs

Guiding question (tentative): What are key challenges in gender statistics and how can the UN System and other development partners work together to address them? (UNFPA: field-focus, census; UNSD: link with recommendations made at Global Forum/IAEG)

8.40: Two National Level presentations

National Statistical Coordination Board, Philippines

Uganda Bureau of Statistics

Guiding question (tentative): What are the data coherence challenges at national level when it comes to using gender-responsive data for planning, capacity building or coordination?

9.00: Regional Level presentation

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (Treva Braun)

Guiding question (tentative): What types of knowledge exchanges/capacity development are taking place at the regional level? What are key gaps and ways to address these gaps?

9.10: Discussant

International Center for Research on Women (Jeff Edmeades)

Guiding question (tentative): Who are the civil society users of gender statistics, what are their priority needs and ways to address these needs?

9.20: Q&A

9.50: Closing Remarks

UN Women Co-chair (Sylvie I. Cohen)

Wrap-up and outlook: How can UN agencies and other development actors work with UN Women to address data gaps on gender equality and the empowerment of women?