

## **IANWGE WORKSHOP**

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### **MEASURING AND REPORTING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH THE AFRICAN GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT INDEX - AGDI**

*Methodology, achievements, challenges and the way forward*

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AGDI is a tool that ECA has developed to measure the performance of African Member States in addressing gender equality, equity and women's empowerment and advancement. It also measures the performance of governments in meeting their obligations towards the international and regional conventions that they are signatory to. It is intended to address the lack of sex-disaggregated data and to overcome the technical challenges for tracking progress in the advancement of women and gender equality. The tool will help streamline reporting on various instruments on women's advancement, gender equality, and development, as they relate to gender. These include the Beijing and Dakar PoA, CEDAW and its optional protocol, the African Charter on Human and People's rights, the ICPD PoA Plus Five, the MDGs and NEPAD Peer Review Mechanism.

The AGDI is a specifically African index in three respects. First it takes into account the major African charters and documents that have a bearing on gender relations. Second it identifies gender gaps in the selected power blocks and facilitates the review of the underlying gender relations in Africa. Third, its findings are specifically from the African countries, based on nationally available statistics.

This presentation will review the steps undertaken for developing the AGDI, more specifically the definition of the theoretical framework, analysis of the global and regional documents that African States have ratified, definition of the indicators for the computation of the index, setting up of the national and regional advisory panels, validation of the index and the country trials. It will also look at key achievements in tracking progress towards gender equality and women's advancement through analyzing emerging issues from the country reports. Finally, it will address key remaining challenges to trigger recommendations on the best way forward.