

Gender ICT Statistics

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Topics

- Indicators, Challenges, Results
- Meetings
 - WTIM (January 2003)
 - WSIS Statistical Side Event (Dec. 8-9, 2003)
- Gender Issues in MEF work
- Conclusions

Indicators we collect

- ITU collects ICT indicators and publishes them annually
- Gender-related indicators collected are:
 - Number of male and female telecommunication staff
 - Female Internet users as % of total users
 - Female Internet users as % of female users
- Note: Female Internet users as % of total users is reported in the UN MDG monitoring report and database

Challenges

- Not all countries collect gender ICT statistics
- Very few countries have official surveys (such as household surveys) to collect gender disaggregated statistics
- Data hard to get specifically for developing countries
- A very few private research companies provide limited gender Internet users for a few countries but quality and comparability of data is a problem

Steps taken

- Included gender session in our last World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Meeting
- Include gender ICT indicators in presentations to WSIS Statistical Side Event in December 2003
- Ask countries for additional information on gender and ICT through e-readiness case studies carried out by the unit
- Updated our annual questionnaire to include more gender ICT statistics

World Telecom/ICT Indicators Meeting

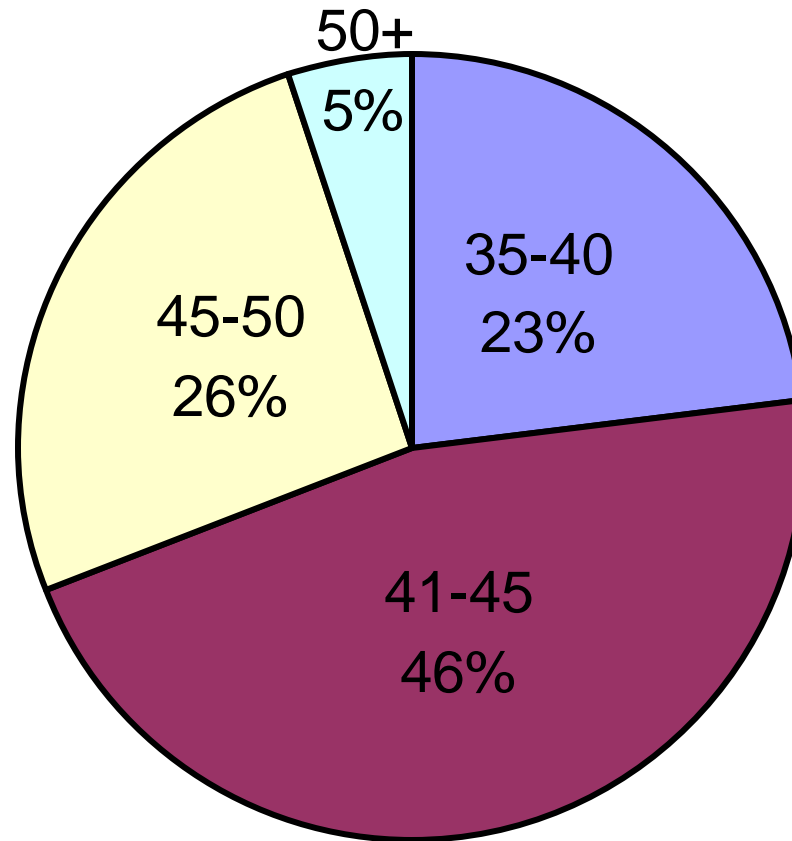
- Attended by 140 participants, including 50 women
- 5 out of 9 sessions were chaired by women
- 12 out of 24 presentations were made by women
- One full session dedicated to Gender ICT indicators

ITU experience

Results of collecting gender-based telecommunication staff	1999	2000	2001
Number of countries reporting total telecom employees	195	164	181
Per cent of total	86%	73%	77%
Number of countries reporting female telecom employees	68	53	67
As a percent of those reporting total telecom employees	35%	32%	34%
Percentage of telecom employees that are female (weighted average)	29%	29%	29%
Percentage of telecom employees that are female (simple average)	33%	31%	32%

Source: ITU World Telecommunication Indicators Database

Female Internet users as % of all users, 39 countries, 2002



Source: ITU World Telecommunication Indicators Database

Conclusions

- Much discussion about ICT gender statistics, but few concrete and realistic indicators are collected and available
- Possible indicators:
 - Internet users
 - PC users
 - Mobile phone subscribers
 - Female ICT personnel
- Best solution lays with national statistical agencies through household surveys

Thank you.

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