

Partnership Expert Meeting on Gender and ICT Indicators

3 December 2013 14.00 – 18.00

Sala José Gorostiza, 3rd floor, Cancilleria Building, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Plaza Juarez 20, Mexico City, Mexico

The *Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development* is organizing a half day meeting of experts on measuring gender and ICT. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 11th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS).

The main objective of the meeting is to discuss a *report* prepared by the Partnership, which includes a list of proposed indicators at the intersection of gender and ICT. The proposed list is a collection of existing, revised and new indicators. Measurement areas to be addressed are ICT household access and individual ICT use, ICT-related employment, ICT business use and entrepreneurship, ICT in education and e-government. The proposed indicators need to be assessed from two main perspectives: policy relevance and feasibility of statistical measurement.

The meeting takes place in the context of the work of the recently formed Partnership Task Group on Measuring ICT and Gender (TGG), led by UNCTAD and ITU. TGG members include ILO, ITU, Research ICT Africa, The Web Foundation, UNCTAD, UIS, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, and Women in Global Science and Technology. More transparent, comparable and comprehensive statistical data would allow for better assessment of possible gender divides in ICT and improve the ability of governments to design, implement and monitor ICT-related policies.

The *report* was supported financially by the Government of Sweden and is part of the first phase in the work of the TGG on measuring ICT and gender. It will be made available in advance of the meeting on the WTIS website and will be subject to discussion during both the Expert Meeting and the WTIS session on "Measuring Gender and ICT", taking place on 5 December 2013, from 14:00-15:30. The outcome of the Expert Meeting will be reported during the WTIS Partnership session on "Measuring Gender and ICT". Comments received on the first *report* will feed into a second phase of the TGG work focusing on methodological aspects of the proposed indicators.

Selected experts from national statistical agencies and other national authorities in charge of collecting statistical data on ICT, as well as experts from international and regional organizations, are invited to attend the Expert Meeting and comment on the proposed indicators. Experts are encouraged to submit written comments on the TGG report preferably in advance of the meeting, and **no later than 10 January**. Comments should focus on the proposed gender and ICT indicators and assess their policy relevance and the feasibility of statistical measurement.



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Agenda

14.00 – 14.10	Introductory remarks – UNCTAD and ITU
14.10 – 14.40	Presentation of the main recommendations in the Report of the Task Group on Gender and ICT – Nancy Hafkin
Roundtable discussion of proposed indicators on gender and ICT by main measurement area:	
14.40 – 15.20	Household access and individual use – moderated by ITU
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15.20 – 16.00	Employment – moderated by ILO
16.00 – 16.20	Coffee break
16.20 – 17.00	Education – moderated by UNESCO Institute of Statistics
17.00 – 17.40	Business use and entrepreneurship – moderated by UNCTAD
17.40 – 18.00	Final remarks and closing