

Workshop on “Gender Statistics” and Working Session was held in Geneva



Representatives of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan Head of Department of Population and Gender Statistics Rza Allahverdiyev and Leading Adviser of the same department - Sitara Babayeva participated in the workshop on “Gender Statistics” organized by UNECE on 17-21 March, 2014 in Geneva.

The Workshop was attended by participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chile, Georgia, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan. Representatives from the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), Fida International, Make Mothers Matter International and Hacettepe University were also present.

The workshop consisted of an introduction session and ten sessions on topics covered by the indicators proposed by the Conference of European Statisticians Task Force on Indicators of Gender Equality.

The main purpose of the workshop was to identify ways of improving data availability on the proposed indicators of gender equality in countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and plan further steps in this regard. The Workshop also assessed the suitability of the UNECE set of gender indicators for the situation of the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The following economic aspects of gender equality were brought up in the discussion: access to and ownership of assets and resources, entrepreneurship and the influence of inequalities over the life course on gender equality at older age.

Representatives of different countries were presented presentations on economy, poverty, violence, power and decision-making in the household, health, power and decision-making in society, children and adolescents, education, media, environment.

At the end of the session the Workshop made the following recommendations concerning the gender equality indicators proposed by the CES task force: include methodological work on entrepreneurship indicators and indicators measuring access to land and assets among the areas for further work; explore the possibility of including ‘the gender pension gap’ among the indicators, taking into account data availability; review the pertinence of the indicator ‘proportion of children under age three in formal care’; consider including an appropriate measure of wealth among poverty indicators; consider including an indicator on gender-based violence at workplace; add ‘abortion rate’ to the health indicators and consider including other indicators related to reproductive health; add ‘knowledge of HIV/AIDS among the health indicators and explore the possibility of including an indicator of mental health; reduce the number of indicators of power and decision making in society; explore the possibility of including ‘sex ratio at birth’; include among the methodological work on measures for stereotypes and portrayal of men and women among the areas for further work.