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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON GENDER STATISTICS

OBJECTIVE

The Global Centre of Excellence on Gender Statistics (CEGS), based in Mexico, is an innovative first-of-its kind initiative, that contributes to the strategic efforts of UN Women and INEGI to strengthen the production, availability, analysis and use of internationally comparable data and statistics in key emerging aspects of gender equality and women's empowerment. The CEGS aims to strengthen gender statistics through collaboration, knowledge sharing, research and innovation. The CEGS focuses on three thematic areas:

- Measuring different forms of violence against women and girls (particularly its most extreme forms such as femicide violence) and crimes against women through the framework of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes in collaboration with INEGI and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) *Center of Excellence for Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice*, also based in Mexico City
- Measurement of unpaid care and domestic work; and
- Gender and geospatial analysis, including vital statistics.

Planned activities include: organising global conferences and seminars and convening expert groups, preparing and disseminating briefing papers and maintaining a digital knowledge repository, conducting and facilitating new research and data analysis related to these thematic areas.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

In September, the CEGS was officially launched at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico, in partnership with INEGI.²⁷ The high-level launch further positioned the CEGS as a forum that could **facilitate south to south exchanges** to assist countries to implement the 2030 Agenda, promote **knowledge sharing** among leading actors within the global statistical community; and be a catalyst to undertake **new research on gender statistics**. The Executive Board, currently composed of representatives from both UN Women and INEGI, met for the first time to discuss the strategic focus of the CEGS, define the modalities of Board membership and agreed on plans to convene the Technical Advisory Board composed of ECLAC, OECD, UNSD and the World Bank.

The launch was followed by the first Global Conference on Gender Equality and the Measurement of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work. The conference was attended by over 100 people and was headlined by leading researchers and time use and unpaid care work experts. Topics discussed include time use research and measurement challenges; innovations in measurement; and policy and programmatic uses of unpaid care and domestic work data. These discussions helped shape the research and policy agenda of the CEGS, including the commissioning of three research papers addressing the following:

- Review of methodological problems that stand in the way of cross-country comparisons of time-use surveys globally;
- The effect of methodological features on reports of total time devoted to unpaid work and, more specifically, direct care of family members;
- Research using micro-data from four to six countries to test the effect of methodological features on survey data quality.

All three papers are expected to be finalised in 2019 and will contribute to international efforts to harmonise and improve the measurement of unpaid care and domestic work.

PLANS FOR 2019

- Convene expert meetings on the measuring VAW and femicide (in collaboration with UNODC);
- Build a digital repository of resources, best practices and experiences on thematic priorities and emerging methodologies in gender statistics;
- Conduct new research to compare methodologies used for time use data collection and their impact on global comparability and investigating methodologies used to measure indirect supervision and direct care of family members;
- Commission new research on geospatial approaches for gender statistics related to women's economic empowerment and femicide.



Members of the CEGS Executive Board gather for the first official meeting to discuss plans and the strategic focus of the CEGS. ©ONU Mujeres/Dzilam Méndez