



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



Side Event - Fourth Joint AfDB-ECA Regional Workshop on Africa Gender Index 2023 (AGI 2023): Intercountry Data Validation and Index Calculation

At the 9th United Nations Global Forum on Gender Statistics

30 August 2023 17:00-18:00 / Boardroom 123

1. Background

The Africa Gender Index (AGI) is a composite index jointly developed by the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). It is intended to, among other things, gauge how women are faring compared to men in three dimensions of human wellbeing-economic, social, and empowerment (political and institutional representation).

The AGI complements other gender indices and dashboard indicators aimed at monitoring progress on gender equality. Limited availability of policy-relevant gender statistics poses a challenge to including some very important aspects of gender inequality in the AGI. The AGI is therefore a living index that will be reviewed and improved as more data becomes available through the Africa data revolution and the SDG monitoring frameworks. The index is intended for use by national governments, gender activists, women's groups, and other non-state actors to advocate for the implementation of gender policies and programmes and for allocation of resources to improve the availability and quality of gender statistics.

The AGI scores for 2019 ranged from 24.0% to 79.7%, with an average score of 48.6%, corresponding to an overall gender gap of 51.4%. Africa has seen some significant improvements in women's participation in the areas covered by the index, but there is still a long way to go to reach equality. There are some marked differences in gender gaps at the regional level with the gap in the Sahel region being the most challenging.

2. Objectives of the Workshop

This Fourth Regional Workshop on the Africa Gender Index 2023 will bring together members of the AGI technical team, including gender statisticians from 54 national statistical offices, gender experts from ministries responsible for gender and women's affairs as well as gender and statistics experts from the Bank, ECA, UN Women and other development partners. The workshop will introduce the AGI calculation and provide a platform to review and validate country data.

Specific objectives are the following:

- Provide an overview of the AGI
- Discuss inter-country data validation
- Discuss Index calculation.

The Bank and ECA will chair the workshop and facilitate the technical sessions on data review and the index calculation.

3. Agenda

Time	Topic	Interventions
17:00 – 17:10	- Opening and welcome remarks	AfDB / ECA
17:10 – 17:15	- Objectives of the workshop - AGI 2023 process and work plan	AfDB / ECA
17:15 – 17:30	- Country data submissions and meta data reports - Intra country data review	AfDB / ECA / Countries
17:30 – 17:50	- Inter-country data validation: Quartile method - Missing data - Index calculation (Economic, Social and Empowerment Dimensions) - Women specific indicators - ICT and climate change dimensions	AfDB / ECA
17:50 – 18:00	- Way forward and conclusion	AfDB / ECA

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5. Registration

Please note that the venue only allows a limited number of participants. To secure a space in this event please RSVP via

<https://afdb.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqDOGhrDMrGdR81I2-hx-BwQLkqdApU8Vs>