

# **Challenges faced by countries in producing and utilizing gender data**

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**12:15 a 13:00 (hora de Chile [UTC-4])**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Montevideo Strategy, a political-technical instrument that aims to steer implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda, emphasizes the importance of gender information systems in transforming data into information, information into knowledge and knowledge into political decisions (Montevideo Strategy, pillar 9). Gender data is crucial to ensure that no one is left behind and to monitor progress towards the SDGs, to inform policy making and to ensure accountability of all the stakeholders.

During the Tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean the cross-cutting nature of gender issues was recognized, and the working groups of the Conference of the Americas were asked to mainstream the gender perspective into their work, along with other cross-cutting elements of statistical work. Months later, during the Fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, through the Santiago Commitment, States once again agreed to work towards strengthening the production of gender statistics at the national level.

Although Latin America and the Caribbean is the only region in the world where, for more than four decades without fail, States have been holding regular meetings to discuss and make commitments on these issues, there are still several challenges in measuring the multiple forms of discrimination and barriers faced by women for the enjoyment of their autonomy. One of these challenges is the lack of gender statistics and data that make visible such barriers and the particular situation of women throughout different areas of life. Without such data, policy making regarding gender equality and women's empowerment, and the overall achievement of the SDGs, remains significantly limited.

## **OBJECTIVES**

This workshop is the third and last in a series of webinars that collectively seek to enhance the capacities of Caribbean countries to produce data to inform effective public policy for gender equality to ensure no women and girls are left behind. This webinar seeks to discuss the various challenges countries face when producing and using gender data, as well as opening up a discussion on possible solutions and measures that could be used to tackle such issues. The webinar will include presentations by representatives of the National Administrative Department of Statistics from Colombia, the Central Statistics Office of Grenada, and the Department of Education, Innovation and Gender Relations of Saint Lucia, with concluding remarks from ECLAC. The presentations will explore these challenges through both the perspectives of producers and users, allowing for a comprehensive overview of the different barriers that need to be addressed in order to overcome gender data gaps and accelerate the implementation of the SDGs in the Caribbean.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

<b>WEBINAR 3: Challenges faced by countries in producing and utilizing gender data</b>	
<b>12:15p.m. – 12:25p.m.</b> (Port of Spain time)	<b>Challenges for integrating a gender perspective in statistical production:</b> National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE), Colombia
<b>12:25 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.</b>	<b>Gender statistics from the users' perspective:</b> Ms. Janey Joseph, Director, Gender Relations, Department of Education, Innovation and Gender Relations, Saint Lucia
<b>12:35 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Grenada's experience:</b> Mr. Halim Brizan, Director, Central Statistics Office, Grenada
<b>12:45 p.m. – 13:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Conclusions and next steps in improving gender statistics</b> ECLAC Division for Gender Affairs and ECLAC Subregional Office for the Caribbean