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Comments

3(g) #9. Developing a core set of gender indicators for Asia and the Pacific

Thank you Madam/Mr. Chair.

Korea welcomes and agrees with the approach taken in the selection of indicators which were not constrained by concerns relating to limited availability, coverage or methodology.

However, we feel that an appropriate guideline will be helpful so that countries can draft national specific methodologies for the production of statistics for these indicators.

We also believe that resource constraints and the lack of awareness are the main challenges to improving gender statistics. With a budget that is already tight, we are making efforts to collect gender sensitive statistics from statistical agencies through legal measures, but the effect has been limited. Many of the official statistics do not incorporate gender issues in their survey or at the sample planning stage, which leads to poor quality.

The production of high quality gender statistics warrants sufficient resources and the discussion regarding sound and efficient methodologies.