DAC Network on Gender Equality

Draft Agenda: 14TH MEETING OF THE DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY

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WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2016

09h00-09h30  COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

09h30-10h00  1.  OPENING SESSION

Chair: Carolina Wennerholm, Chair of the GENDERNET, Sweden.

- Welcome and introductions.
- Approval of the summary record of the 13th meeting of the DAC Network on Gender Equality, 4-6 May 2015 [DCD/DAC/GEN/M(2015)1/PROV]; and adoption of the draft annotated agenda of the 14th meeting [DCD/DAC/GEN/A(2016)1].
- Election of Bureau members.

Documentation:

DCD/DAC/GEN/M(2015)1/PROV

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Letter to GENDERNET members from Nadine Gbossa on 2 September 2016: "DAC Network on Gender Equality (GENDERNET) - election of officers".

10h00-12h00  2.  HOW CAN DONORS STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR SUPPORT TO GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN FRAGILE SETTINGS?

Objectives:

- Share findings and recommendations from new research by the GENDERNET and the DAC Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) on DAC donor programming on gender in fragile states.
- Identify concrete actions to operationalise these recommendations.
- Share the GENDERNET's plans for taking forward this work in 2017-18, and give members the opportunity to shape this.

Chair: Hugh MacLeman, Policy Advisor, Conflict, fragility and resilience, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD.

Key findings from new GENDERNET/INCAF country research on donor programming on gender in fragile states

- Emily Esplen, GENDERNET Secretariat, OECD.
In-focus - findings from Nepal and the DRC.

- Clare Castillejo, Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute.
- Henri Myrttinen, Head of Gender Team, International Alert.

Group discussion:

- How can GENDERNET members take forward the recommendations of the OECD's research to strengthen the effectiveness of programming on gender equality in fragile states?
- How can the GENDERNET Secretariat and the OECD best support that?

Reactions and pathways forward

- Francesca Bomboko, Founder and CEO of BERCI (Bureau d'Etude, de Recherche et de Consulting International), Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Niall Morris, Deputy Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Ireland, Tanzania.
- Ursula Keller, Senior Gender Policy Advisor, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (TBC).

12h00-13h00 LUNCH

13h00-15h00 3. SAFEGUARDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN CONTEXTS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Objectives:

- Increase members' knowledge and understanding of how violent extremism is impacting on women's rights, freedoms, and struggles for equality.
- Reflect on how donors can more effectively support efforts to promote and protect women's rights and empowerment in contexts of extremism.
- Strategise about how, concretely, to bring a gender lens to international efforts to counter violent extremism.
- Identify priorities for collaborative action.

Chair: Ursula Keller, GENDERNET Bureau member (Switzerland)

Speakers:

- Alison Davidian, Policy Specialist, Peace and Security Section, UN Women.
- Women's human rights defender, Syria.
- Henri Myrttinen, Head of Gender Team, International Alert.
- Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the International Civil Society Action Network.
- Ann Bernes, Ambassador for Gender Equality and Co-ordinator of Sweden's Feminist Foreign Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden.

Discussion

- What is your agency doing to strengthen the integration of gender into efforts to counter violent extremism at the policy level and in your programming?
- How should the experiences and lessons shared today inform our responses at the international, national and local levels?
- What are the priorities for action and how can we work together to take these forward?
4. STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY: WHAT ARE THE UPCOMING MILESTONES AND HOW CAN WE INFLUENCE THEM?

This session will provide brief updates on:

- Follow-up and review of the SDGs from a gender perspective.
- From Addis to the Second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (Nairobi, 28 November-1 December 2016) - keeping gender at the heart of the development effectiveness agenda.
- COP22 (7-18 November 2016) - putting gender at the heart of climate responses.
- Upcoming opportunities for advancing women's sexual and reproductive rights and ending all forms of violence against women and girls.

Objectives:

- Share information, expectations and plans for major upcoming international events and milestones.
- Identify opportunities to work together to influence global processes to support the best possible outcomes for gender equality and women's rights.

Chair: Magdalene Lagu, GENDERNET Bureau member (United Kingdom).

Contributors:

- Sian Phillips, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- Ashufta Alam, Head of Violence Against Women and Girls Team, Department for International Development, United Kingdom
- Eva Johansson, Advisor, Gender, Rights and Sustainable Development, UNFPA.
- Sara Koch, Gender Programme, Swiss Development Co-operation, Switzerland and Régine Gachoud, Advisor on Global Gender and Women' Issues, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland.

Discussion on future influencing opportunities (group work).

18h00-20h00 EVENING RECEPTION: CALL TO ACTION TO COMBAT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN EMERGENCIES

With Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, Ann Bernes, Sweden's Ambassador for Gender Equality and Co-ordinator of Feminist Foreign Policy and Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee.
5. SUPPORTING THE CHANGE MAKERS: INNOVATIVE FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

Objectives:

- Equip GENDERNET members to advocate within their organisations for more and better quality funding to women's rights groups.
- Increase knowledge and awareness of approaches that are effective in supporting women's groups to deliver transformative outcomes.
- Reflect on and build a common view of what sustainable funding for women's CSOs needs to look like and who across the international system should be doing what.

5.a. Scene setter: Findings from the GENDERNET review of DAC members' experiences of supporting women's civil society organisations.

- Emily Esplen, GENDERNET Secretariat, OECD.

Brief reactions or questions from GENDERNET members and invited participants.

5.b. Supporting resilient women's rights organisations and movements - pathways forwards

An interactive discussion between:

- Ashufta Alam, Head, Violence Against Women and Girls Team, Department for International Development, United Kingdom.
- Musimbi Kanyoro, CEO and President, Global Fund for Women.
- Netty Musanhu, Executive Director, Musasa Project, Zimbabwe.
- Isatou Touray, Executive Director and Co-Founder, The Gambia Committee on Traditional Practices (GAMCOTRAP), Gambia (TBC).
- Aldijana Sisic, Chief, UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women.
- Elisa Fernandez, Chief, UN Women Fund for Gender Equality.
- Niall Morris, Deputy Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Ireland, Tanzania.

11h00-11h30 BREAK

11h30-13h00

5.c. How could your agency and the GENDERNET community improve the quantity and quality of support to southern women's organisations?

- Exchange of experiences among GENDERNET members (small group discussions).

Plenary discussion: Highlights from breakout groups - what to do differently?

13h00-14h00 LUNCH
6. WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT - FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION TO ACHIEVE THE SDGS

Objectives:

- Inform GENDERNET members about the recommendations of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment, and identify concrete actions to take forward the recommendations in members' own agencies.
- Increase knowledge and understanding of effective policies and approaches in support of women's economic empowerment in developing economies.
- Share initiatives that members are planning or currently implementing on women's economic empowerment in the next 2-3 years, and identify opportunities for collaboration.
- Identify common priorities for the sixty-first session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (March 2017) on the theme of women's economic empowerment and the changing world of work.

6.a. What are the priorities for action?

Chair: Isabelle Cardinal, Team Leader, Economic Inclusion and Gender Team, Economic Development Directorate, Department for International Development, United Kingdom (TBC).

Speakers:

- Margo Thomas, Chief of the Secretariat for the High Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment.
- Naila Kabeer, Professor of Gender and Development at the Gender Institute, London School of Economics.

6.b. How to move from commitment to action?

- What concrete actions/initiatives are agencies planning or currently implementing to accelerate progress on women's economic empowerment in the next 2-3 years? What are the opportunities for collaboration?

Chair: Isabelle Cardinal, Team Leader Economic Inclusion and Gender Team, Economic Development Directorate, Department for International Development, United Kingdom (TBC).

Speakers:

- Andrew Morrison, Chief, Gender and Diversity Division, Inter-American Development Bank.
- Cathy Cozzarelli, Senior Gender Advisor, USAID.
- Diego Antoni, Policy Specialist on Gender, Governance and Crisis Prevention, UNDP.
- Emily Esplen, GENDERNET Secretariat, OECD and Keiko Nowacka, Development Centre, OECD.

Exchange of experience by

- All GENDERNET members.
Documentation:

OECD-DAC Network on Gender Equality (2016), Tracking the money for women's economic empowerment: still a drop in the ocean.

19h30 INFORMAL DINNER FOR GENDERNET MEMBERS

Restaurant: Terroir Parisien/Palais Brongniart (25 place de la Bourse, 75002 Paris).

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2016

08h00-09h00 INFORMAL BREAKFAST FOR INTERESTED GENDERNET MEMBERS: INTRODUCTION TO THE SIGI 2018

The next edition of the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) will be launched in 2018. The next SIGI will include new variables, new countries and updated country profiles. GENDERNET members will be able to learn more about: a) new innovations and developments for the SIGI 2018; b) how the SIGI will be contributing to monitoring SDG 5.1.1 with UN Women; and c) the methodological process and approach to updating the SIGI.

09h00-11h00 7. INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY TO DELIVER THE SDGS

Objectives:

• Present the outcomes of the Informal Working Group on the DAC gender equality policy marker, and adopt new minimum standards for the marker.
• Receive feedback from members on the new draft handbook on the DAC gender equality policy marker.
• Increase understanding of, and learn lessons from, how GENDERNET members and multilateral organisations track their aid in support of gender equality.
• Agree a way forward to improve the use of the women's organisations and institutions code.

Chair: Carolina Wennerholm, GENDERNET Chair (Sweden).

7.a. New minimum standards for the DAC Gender Equality Policy Marker

• Lucie Faucherre, GENDERNET Secretariat, OECD and Ursula Keller, Switzerland and representative of the Informal Working Group on the DAC gender marker: presentation of the new minimum standards and introduction to the draft handbook on the gender marker.
7.b. Examples from GENDERNET members and partners on how they track funding for gender equality

- **Marina Marchetti**, Head of Sector, Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination, International Cooperation and Development Directorate, European Commission. *Using the gender marker to track the objectives of the EU Gender Action Plan.*
- **Olivia Dabbous**, Environmental and Social Support Unit, French Development Agency. *The Sustainable Development Mechanism, a system to track and support integration of cross-cutting issues aligned with the DAC markers.*
- **Eva Johansson**, Advisor, Gender, Rights and Sustainable Development, UNFPA. *UNFPA’s experience of developing a gender marker.*

*Discussion*

7.c. Tracking funding to women's organisations

- **Carolina Wennerholm**, Lead Gender Advisor, Sweden. *Findings from Sida’s review of the women’ organisations and institutions code.*

*Discussion*

**Documentation:**

OECD-DAC Network on Gender Equality (2016), *Definition and minimum standards for the DAC gender equality policy marker.*


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- **Carolina Wennerholm**, GENDERNET Chair (Sweden) and **Ursula Keller**, GENDERNET bureau member (Switzerland). The GENDERNET Programme of Work and Budget for 2017-18.
- **Member updates**: What planned or existing initiatives are you excited by, and what are the opportunities for collaboration?

*Discussion*

- Potential synergies and partnerships between GENDERNET members in priority areas for the implementation of SDGs.
- Resourcing the new GENDERNET Programme of Work (2017-18).

**CLOSE OF THE GENDERNET MEETING**
13h00-15h00 (CC24)  INFORMAL SESSION: STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS {Meeting will take place in room CC24. Informal lunch will be provided in the room.}

Informal session for interested GENDERNET members, facilitated by the United Kingdom, Australia and Ireland. Objectives: i) update our common understanding of individual donor activities and plans on VAWG over next 2-3 years with a view to exploring synergies and prospects for collaboration; ii) share what we know from the evidence about what works in creating transformative change to end VAWG, and identify common priorities for action; iii) explore and build a common view of strengthening the international system (what, who, how/where).