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8:30 - 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 - 9:30 **Opening by Chair and OECD Secretariat**
To be followed by delegate introductions.

9:30 - 10:30 **SESSION 1 - OECD Scan: Equality budgeting in Ireland**

Ireland introduced an equality budgeting pilot in 2017 and the approach focusses on adding a gender dimension to performance budgeting. After two years of implementation, Ireland asked the OECD to take stock of developments to date and provide recommendations for future directions for equality budgeting. Through presenting the results of the Scan, the OECD will highlight lessons for other OECD countries. In particular, the Scan looks at how Ireland can better-incentivise departments to participate in equality budgeting and bring about greater impact from the initiative.

Presenters:

- **Scherie Nicol**, Senior Policy Analyst, Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, and **Pinar Guven**, Policy Analyst, Gender and Justice Unit, Public Governance Directorate, OECD
- **Carol Baxter**, Head of Asylum Services, Equality and Integration, Department of Justice and Equality and **John Burke**, Principal Officer, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Ireland

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee / networking break*

11:00 – 12:30 **SESSION 2 – Gender budget statements**

Half of OECD countries doing gender budgeting table some form of gender budget statement alongside, or as part of, the budget. This session looks at the range of statements published across OECD countries and examines the extent to which these statements are an important and effective tool. It also looks at some of the different elements of a gender budget statement and discusses which elements are potentially most useful as instruments for advancing gender equality.

Presenters:

- **Alison McDermott**, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch, Department of Finance, Canada
- **Carolina Renteria Rodriguez**, Division Chief, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF

12:30 - 14:00 *Luncheon*

14:00 - 15:30 **SESSION 3 – Breakout sessions**

A number of policy areas are commonly seen as gender neutral and so there runs the risk that policy and budget decisions are made “gender-blind” and serve to increase gender disparities. These breakout sessions explore how gender budgeting can help policy managers across different “hard to reach” domains with a means to identify and address any adverse impacts.

••• **Option A: Environmental policy and gender budgeting**

The gender-environment nexus can be understood by recognising, on the one hand, the differential impacts that men and women can have on advancing environmental objectives, and, on the other hand, that environmental damage can affect and hamper gender equality. This breakout session will highlight examples from across the OECD where environmental policy has taken into account gender impacts. Delegates will discuss how gender budgeting can be used as a tool to improve policy development in this area so that it better-achieves its goals and addresses any gender inequalities.

Discussant:

- **Sigita Strumskyte**, Coordinator for Gender and SDGs, Environment Directorate, OECD.

••• **Option B: Infrastructure development and gender budgeting**

It is often assumed that women will benefit from new infrastructure projects in the same way as men do, without acknowledging differential impacts based on their needs and social roles. This often arises from women’s traditional role in children and elderly care and the employment patterns in these sectors. This breakout session will highlight examples from across the OECD where infrastructure development has taken gender considerations into account. Delegates will discuss how gender budgeting can be used as a tool to improve policy development in this area so that it better-achieves its goals and addresses any gender inequalities.

Discussant:

- **Ana Maria Ruiz**, Senior Policy Analyst - Infrastructure, Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee / networking break*

16:00 – 17.30 SESSION 4 – Sustainability of gender budgeting initiatives

Ensuring the sustainability of gender budgeting initiatives will require countries to demonstrate the value of the practice. Its continuation can also be easier in a political environment where support for gender equality is de-politicised and in an administrative environment where gender budgeting practices are well-integrated into planning and policy development processes. This session will seek to identify actions that countries can take to gain support for gender budgeting, embed it as an administrative practice, and protect it from political and economic changes.

Presenters:

- **Helena Morais Maciera**, Gender Mainstreaming Researcher, European Institute for Gender Equality
- **Alicia del Olmo Garrudo**, Head of Gender Budgeting Programme, Institute of Public Finance Studies, Andalusia, Spain

18:00 - 19:00 Cocktail reception

Friday, 20 September 2019

9:00 – 12:30 **SESSION 5 – Panel on gender indicators and data gaps**

Linking gender budgeting practices to overarching gender goals can help focus efforts on priority areas and allows progress to be measured. However, gender data gaps can hinder these efforts, as well as gender budgeting more broadly. This panel of four presentations looks to delve into practices of setting gender equality goals and monitoring progress, as well as how to ensure there is sufficient data to do this. It also seeks to highlight some of the key gender indicators that countries use to track progress towards gender goals, including relevant SDGs. Finally, it will look at how OECD countries can address gender data gaps, including a look at the role of gender institutions and the central budget authority in strengthening capacity for data collection within line ministries.

Presentations:

9:00 – 9:45

1. Gender equality indicators across the OECD

- **Pinar Guven**, Policy Analyst, Gender and Justice Unit, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

9:45 – 10:30

2. Swedish indicators for gender equality

- **Helena Löf**, Gender statistics expert, Statistics Sweden and **Lina Nilsson**, Deputy Director, Division for Gender Equality, Ministry of Employment, Sweden

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee / networking break*

11:00 – 11:45

3. Monitoring SDG Indicator 5.c.1

- **Zohra Khan**, Policy Advisor, Governance and National Planning, UN Women

11:45 – 12:30

4. Assessing and addressing gender data gaps

- **Liliana Suchodolska**, Policy Analyst, Gender Statistics, Paris 21 Secretariat, OECD

12:30 - 14:00 *Luncheon*

14:00 – 14.45

SESSION 6 – Impact of gender budgeting: OECD case studies

Despite a growing number of countries having introduced gender budgeting, there remains a general lack of understanding of how the practice works, and achieves impact. The OECD is building a series of case studies to showcase the impact of gender budgeting. This session presents high-level findings from the first two case studies: Canada and Iceland. It provides examples of how policy changes can be effected through gender budgeting and what impacts gender budgeting has had on policy outcomes.

Presenters:

- **Eileen Regan**, Head of the Financial Scrutiny Unit, and **Matthew Wilson**, Senior Researcher, Northern Ireland Assembly, United Kingdom

14:45 – 15:15 *Coffee / networking break*

15.15 – 16:00 SESSION 7 – Lessons from gender budgeting for SDG budgeting

Successful implementation of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will require developing links between the 2030 Agenda, policy planning and budgeting. This session will look existing efforts in the area of SDG budgeting and identify what scope there is for gender budgeting to provide useful tools and lessons for governments seeking to ensure that budget and planning processes support the achievement of the SDGs.

Presenter:

- **Brenda Pequeño**, Minister Counsellor, Mexican delegation to the OECD

16:00 – 16:15 Closing by Chair and OECD Secretariat

MEETING INFORMATION

Registration Form

All Delegates must complete the registration form and return it to the Secretariat (javier.gonzalez@oecd.org) ahead of the meeting.

Meeting Location

The meeting will take place at the Conference Centre at OECD Headquarters located at: 2, rue André-Pascal in the 16th *arrondissement* (district) of Paris. The closest metro station is "La Muette" on line 9 or "Boulaivilliers" or "Henri Martin" on line C of the RER. More information on getting to the OECD can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre/gettingtotheoecd.htm>

Accommodations

Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation. Information on hotels close to the OECD at special rates and our online booking system can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre/hotels-close-to-oecd.htm>

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The OECD Conference Centre features complimentary Wi-Fi Internet Access throughout its facilities. There is also a Business Centre located in the Conference Centre offering complimentary desktop computers with standard Microsoft Office software, Internet connections and printers.

Cocktail Reception

All Delegates are invited to a cocktail on the evening of the first day of the meeting, Thursday 19 September 2019, at 18:00.