

Overview

Monday 18 June 9:30 – 17:30

2nd SBO Experts Meeting on Gender Budgeting

Tuesday 19 June 9:00 – 17:15

Joint Session: 2nd SBO Experts Meeting on Gender Budgeting & 2nd OECD Roundtable on Better Governance for Gender Equality

Wednesday 20 June 9:30 – 16:15

2nd OECD Roundtable on Better Governance for Gender Equality

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Item 1. Registration

09:30-09:45

Item 2. Opening by OECD Secretariat and Chair, Herdis Haraldsdottir, Head of Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Iceland

09:45-10:15

Item 3. Keynote Speakers

- Karin Kneissl, Austrian Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs
- Hartwig Löger, Austrian Minister of Finance

10:15-11:45

Item 4. Gender budgeting – the Austrian experience

Austria has in place a balanced, inter-connected set of budgetary governance arrangements which are designed to achieve a number of objectives including the promotion of gender equality in resource allocation and use. This session will examine the benefits, challenges and next steps for Austria's distinctive system of gender budgeting.

Presenters

- Ronnie Downes, Public Expenditures and Budgeting Division, OECD
- Friederike Schwarzendorfer, Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria
- Ursula Rosenbichler, Federal Ministry for the Civil Service and Sports, Austria

Discussant

- Alison McDermott, Department of Finance, Canada

11:45-12:15 Coffee / Networking break

12:15-13:15

Item 5. Evolutions in gender budgeting

Gender budgeting developments in OECD countries continue apace. In this session, delegates will provide updates on any major evolutions regarding gender budgeting in the past year. Updates will be provided by Ireland, UN Women, the IMF and EIGE.

Presenters

- Caroline O’Loughlin, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Ireland
- Teresa Rose Curristine, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF
- Ermira Lubani, GRB Technical Advisor and Regional Project Manager, UN Women
- Elena Anchevska, Research Officer - Gender Mainstreaming, EIGE

13:15-14:15 Luncheon

14:15-15:30

Item 6. Embedding gender budgeting: practical experiences from OECD and other countries

For many countries, it can prove challenging to introduce new gender budgeting dimensions to well-established, traditional budget frameworks. This session will outline the practical experiences of a number of countries, including Korea which introduced gender budgeting in 2010 and now has seen the election of “feminist President” Moon Jae-in.

Presenters

- Tackmeon Yi, Korean Women’s Development Institute
- Aline Pennisi, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy
- Halldóra Friðjónsdóttir, Chair of Gender Budgeting Committee, Iceland

15:30-16:00 Coffee / Networking break

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Item 7. Tax aspects of gender budgeting

Tax policy is a powerful tool available to governments to promote behavioural change. To be most effective, gender budgeting should not be confined to the expenditure side of the budget, but should be applied in the design, evaluation and impact assessment of tax-side measures – including tax expenditures as well as structural design features, such as the differential treatment of couples. This session examines some country-specific experiences of how gender budgeting is applied to tax policy.

Presenters

- Margit Schratzenstaller, Austrian Institute for Economic Research (WIFO)
- Hlynur Hallgrímsson, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Iceland
- Helen Forslind, Ministry of Finance, Sweden

18:00-20:00 Evening Reception

Book Launch: “Gender Budgeting in Europe”, by Angela O’Hagan and Elizabeth Klatzer

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Item 9. Opening by Co-Chairs: Helmut Berger, Head of the Austrian Parliamentary Budget Office & Herdis Haraldsdottir, Head of Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Iceland

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Item 10. LEADERS PANEL – Government decision-making for a more inclusive society

Leaders will express their views on how government decision-making can become more inclusive to address rising inequalities and deliver on society-wide goals such as achieving gender equality in political, economic and public spheres. Specifically, they will reflect ways to move beyond targeted policies and share country experiences on leveraging the role of core government decision-making tools such as budgeting, public procurement, regulatory impact assessments to underpin inclusive growth commitments.

Discussants:

- Marcos Bonturi, Director for Public Governance, OECD
 - Ambassador Kristján Andri Stefánsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the OECD
 - Teresa Frogoso, President, Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality, Portugal
 - Mary Hanafin, Local Councillor, Ireland
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Item 11. OECD Gender Governance Review of Canada

This session will present the findings of an OECD review of Canada's structures, practices and approaches to deliver gender equality outcomes through gender mainstreaming and innovative gender budgeting. The far-reaching initiatives outlined in Canada's 2018 Budget will also be outlined, and some lessons of broader international relevance will be explored.

Presenters

- Tatyana Teplova, Head, Gender and Inclusiveness Unit, OECD; and Ronnie Downes, Deputy Head of Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, OECD
- Justine Akman, Director General, Policy & External Relations, Status of Women Canada, Government of Canada
- Alison McDermott, Department of Finance, Canada

Discussant

- Maria Batlle Martinez, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, Spain
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Item 12. The role of a whole-of-government gender equality strategy: a necessity or a luxury for gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting?

A whole-of-government gender equality strategy outlines a vision and clear priorities for government policy, helping to align the work of individual ministries and agencies. However, the development of any strategy requires political will, broad buy-in and consensus, and in practice gender equality is sometimes advanced on a more *ad hoc* basis. This session highlights the range of approaches across OECD countries, and looks at the impact they have on gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting activities. It also considers the ways in which an overarching strategy can be mobilised and the potential role of legislation in insulating this work, as far as possible, from fluctuations arising from the economic or political environment.

Presenters

- Anna Thompson, Deputy Head, Equality Framework Division, Government Equalities Office, UK
- Carol Baxter, Assistant Secretary, Head of Asylum Services, Integration and Equality, Gender Equality Division, Department of Justice & Equality, Ireland
- Olga Pietruchova, Director, Department of Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovak Republic
- Elisabeth White, Deputy Director, Division for Gender Equality, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

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Item 13. Civil Society engagement in gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting

Gender budgeting has its roots in feminist challenges to pre-existing policy assumptions and resourcing decisions. This session explores how gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting can maintain their connection with the “challenge function” of civil society, and avoid the risk of becoming a bland, routinised and perhaps ineffectual function of public financial management. Civil society representatives from various OECD countries will lend their perspective to this discussion.

Presenters

- Elisabeth Klatzer, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Institute for Institutional and Heterodox Economics
- Jennifer McCarthy Flynn, National Women’s Council of Ireland

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Item 14. Towards Good Governance Guidelines for Gender Budgeting

The 2015 OECD *Recommendation on Gender Equality in Public Life* maps out a comprehensive, forward agenda for how gender equality should be integrated in the various domains of public policy,

including gender budgeting. Building on recent years' experience in assessing national systems, and upon the new *OECD Toolkit on Mainstreaming and Implementing Gender Equality*, the OECD Secretariat will present a new paper "*Towards Good Governance Guidelines for Gender Budgeting*". This draws on the experiences of OECD countries and aims to provide insights into how countries can make an organic link between (a) public financial management aspects and (b) broader frameworks for gender mainstreaming and accountability.

Presenters

- Scherie Nicol, Public Expenditures and Budgeting Division, OECD
- Petra Gschiel, Austrian Parliamentary Budget Office
- Elisabeth Dearing, Austrian Court of Audit

Discussant

- Teresa Rose Curristine, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF

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Item 15. Synthesis discussion

This session will summarise the main messages from the meeting and reflect on areas where further progress is needed. It will also discuss future topics of interest for the SBO Experts Meeting on Gender Budgeting, as well as possible topics for the joint consideration with the OECD Roundtable on Better Governance for Gender Equality.

17:30-18:30 Cultural Event – Part I (Guided tour of the National Library's State Hall)

19:00-22:30 Cultural Event – Part II (Dinner at traditional Austrian restaurant "Heurigen")

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Item 16. Opening by Chair, Helmut Berger, Head of the Austrian Parliamentary Budget Office, and OECD Secretariat

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Item 17. Gender equality: have we reached the tipping point?

This session will discuss preliminary results of the OECD Baseline Report on the implementation of the OECD Recommendation on Gender Equality in Public Life. The report findings are based on a 2017 survey of executive, legislative and judicial branches across OECD countries. This session will discuss the evidence of progress so far and the remaining actions needed to strengthen the implementation of gender-sensitive policies, increase accountability and close persistent gender and broader diversity gaps, including at the leadership levels. Insights into innovative practices – such as using behavioural insights - to bridge the implementation gap across state institutions will be provided by OECD countries.

Presenters

- Elena Gentili, Gender Projects Coordinator & Policy Analyst, Public Governance Directorate, OECD
- Marianne Mikko, Member of Parliament, Estonia
- Monica Parrella, Director General and Coordinator of the Office for Equality and Equal Opportunities, Equal Opportunities Department, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy
- Magnea Marinósdóttir, Senior Advisor, Equality Unit, Ministry of Welfare, Iceland

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Item 18. What works? Measuring the impact and effectiveness of gender equality initiatives

The forthcoming OECD Baseline Report highlights how a lack of evidence on the impact and effectiveness of gender equality initiatives is acting as a barrier to effective accountability. This also prevents virtuous policy cycles where lessons learnt are built into new proposals to improve their impact. A robust public policy approach can help ensure the tools for measuring impact are in place and clarify the roles of different stakeholders in order to have evidence-based policy making. Adequate data and oversight structures also play an important role in understanding and ensuring gender equality results. This session will aim to understand country practices in measuring and understanding the effectiveness of gender mainstreaming initiatives. It will explore how evaluation and measurement, twinned with good gender statistics and data, can be used to better understand what initiatives make a difference and for whom, and ultimately to inform the design of more effective policies.

Presenters

- Pinar Guven, Policy Analyst, Gender and Inclusiveness Unit, Public Governance Directorate, OECD
- Philipp Otto, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria

- Jennifer Curtin, Director, Public Policy Institute, Public Policy Institute, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- Teresa Fragoso, President, Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Portugal

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Item 19. An integrated state response towards eliminating gender-based violence

Many governmental and non-governmental stakeholders play a key role in responding to violence against women (VAW), and so an integrated, state-wide and comprehensive approach is required to ensure results in this priority area. The OECD Recommendation on Gender Equality in Public Life offers a framework to ensure that key governance and mainstreaming elements such as political prioritisation, cross-sector coordination and a victim-centric approach to policies and services, are well-developed in national VAW responses – from prosecution to prevention, and protection to empowerment. Experiences from OECD countries will be shared.

Presenters

- Justine Akman, Director General, Policy & External Relations, Status of Women Canada, Government of Canada
- Aistė Kaftaniukaitė, Chief Specialist of Equality Between Men and Women, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
- Dan Moldovan, Counsellor for European Affairs, National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men, Romania
- Margaret Kidd, Minister-Counsellor (Employment), Australian Delegation to the OECD & Australian Representative to the ILO, Australia

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Item 20. Synthesis discussion and closing

Chair and Tatyana Teplova, Senior Counsellor, Head of Gender and Inclusiveness Unit, OECD

This session will summarise the main messages from the meeting and reflect on areas where further progress is needed. It will also discuss future topics of interest for the 3rd OECD Roundtable on Better Governance for Gender Equality.