

CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY

Closing Date:	30 January 2017
Consultancy:	Gender and Environment Statistics
Department:	SDG Data and Information Unit, Science Division, UN Environment
Location:	Home-based with some travel
Remuneration:	Determined by proposal against scope of work
Duration:	Start date approximately 15 February; end-date approximately 15 July

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Background

Purpose

Environmental change and environmental conditions had different impacts of the lives of women and men. Additionally, women and men have different access to natural capital and ecosystem services. However, there is very little data and information that specifically captures gender differences in terms of the environment. The Global Gender and Environment Outlook (GGEO) 2016 noted that, "One of the strongest messages emerging from the body of analyses and reports on the gender-and-environment nexus is the crucial need for gender disaggregated data. In the absence of such data, environmental analyses remain inadequate and partial, and establishing baselines, monitoring progress and assessing outcomes is almost impossible." The reason for the lack of data is two-fold: (1) there exists a dearth of research and a lack of statistical guidance on measuring the gender-environment nexus; and (2) there is a lack of awareness among environment statisticians and policy makers, and gender statisticians and policy makers, on the importance of bringing the gender-environment nexus into focus.

The need for gender mainstreaming in the SDGs clearly goes beyond the SDG 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls", as several key aspects of gender equality and women's empowerment relate to the areas identified under other goals. The GGEO 2016 noted the following priority issues related to gender and the environment, these priority issues have a close matching to the current SDGs (as shown below):

Priority Issue 1: Rights to land, natural resources and biodiversity (linked to SDG 1, 14 and 15)

Priority Issue 2: Access to food, energy, water and sanitation (SDG 2, 6 and 7)

Priority Issue 3: Well-being: climate change, sustainable consumption and production, and health (SDG 1, 3, 11, 12 and 13)

United Nations Environment and United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) are jointly implementing a project aimed at improving the understanding of how to measure gender and the environment. A better knowledge base of what has been done in terms of measuring the gender-environment nexus, including case studies; suggestions on how to measure the above priority issues in the context of the SDGs; and a way forward for developing a global strategy on measuring the gender-environment nexus is a necessary first step in moving forward on this important issue.

In this regard, UN Environment wishes to engage a consultant to prepare an overall report discussing the three issues above. The consultant will also be asked to conduct case studies in two developing countries on the topic. The aim of the case studies will be to assess the types of data that may exist on these Priority Issues and the needs of countries in terms of developing an approach for measuring gender and the environment. The overall report should consist of around 40-50 pages, following the outline proposed in these Terms of Reference (unless amended by the Programme Officer on the recommendation of the consultant). Representatives from UN Environment and UNSD will guide the review process. The document will be presented to relevant gender statistics experts and environment statistics experts for peer review and consultation after the consultant has completed the contract.

Proposed Outline of Report

- Executive Summary (2 pages)
- Chapter I: Priority issues in terms of measuring gender and the environment (2-3 pages)
- Chapter II: Synthesis of findings of existing analytical documents on measuring gender and the environment (10-15 pages)
- Chapter III: Data and statistics which can be used to measure the Priority Issues (10-15 pages)
- Chapter IV: Summary of best practices and country examples (5-10 pages)
- Chapter V: Recommendations and way forward (5-10 pages)

Annexes: (A) Case study reports from the two country case studies; (B) List of national and regional studies relevant for the report

Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Officer for the SDG Data and Information Unit, Science Division, UN Environment, the consultant will complete the following objectives:

- Review available literature and methodology;
- Integrate results from relevant studies and synthesize the information;
- Propose a suggested approach for measuring the Priority issues, to the extent possible;
- Conduct country case studies and country analysis for three countries to analyse the practicality of producing statistics on the Priority issues;
- Provide core recommendations related to specific research and activities, along with a proposed timeline and resources necessary, which would be necessary to develop a global strategy on measuring the gender-environment nexus.

Expected products and outputs

- An inception note and report outline should be submitted 3 days after the start of the contract. The note will comprise: a) the Contractor's understanding of the consultancy and associated tasks; b) identification of issues crucial to the viability of the consultancy; and c) comments on this TOR and report outline.
- A schedule for the country missions should be agreed within 5 days of the start of the contract.
- A draft report should be provided mid-way through the contract and the final report should be provided at the end of the contract.
- Case study reports should be provided within 2 weeks of completing the country missions.
- A presentation to the UN Environment and UNSD (including any background materials and PPT) should be given a week before the end of the contract.

Administrative Arrangements

- This is a desk study which also includes some travel. The travel will be paid by UN Environment and thus travel expenses do not need to be included in the budget proposal.
- All administrative costs (supplies, telecommunications, equipment, etc.) are to be borne by the consultant.

- All documentation must be produced on software compatible with that of United Nations (*i.e.*, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel, etc.)
- All materials developed remain property of the United Nations.

Compensation

- Compensation will be paid on a product delivery basis, at the end of the project, upon receipt of invoice.
- Fees to be determined by proposal.

Background Requirements

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in statistics, gender, environmental management or a related field.
- An existing network with experts in the gender statistics field.
- Extensive experience on gender statistics is essential.
- Experience with environment statistics is desirable.

Proposals and Queries

Candidates should submit the following items for consideration:

- Current resume
- Name, address, and telephone number of three references who have first-hand knowledge of your work in this area (do not attach letters of reference).
- Approximate schedule of product delivery and detailed costing table. Costing table should include proposed rate for each product mentioned under Products and Outputs section above.

Applicants are requested to submit the above package of items under "Proposals and Queries" by 30 January 2017 electronically to Jillian.campbell@unep.org with the subject "Gender Environment Statistics TOR".
