

Menu of Services

United Nations Europe and Central Asia
Issue-Based Coalition on Gender Equality
(IBC-Gender)

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About the Regional Issue-based Coalition on Gender-Equality

The main goal of the Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality (IBC-GE) is to ensure a coordinated UN system-wide approach to promoting gender equality and women and girl's rights and empowerment in Europe and Central Asia. It also aims to strengthen regional engagement and system-wide accountability for gender equality, provide more coherent and timely policy guidance and technical support and improve coordination, communication as well as information sharing on key lessons and good practices.

The IBC-GE is comprised of members from 14 UN entities including: FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNFPA, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP and WHO. It remains open to new members. The IBC-GE is co-chaired by UNFPA and UN Women.

For more information about IBC-GE, including the Terms of Reference, 2021 Work Plan and past products, see: <https://unece.org/issue-based-coalition-gender-equality>

About this Menu of Services

Each year, an updated Menu of Services will be developed which will provide a clear overview of the types of services and products that the IBC-GE has on offer to its key clients, including UN Country Teams (UNCTs), specifically Resident Coordinators and Gender Theme Groups (GTGs)/Gender Results Groups (GRGs), and other regional mechanisms under the Regional Collaborative Platform.

A joint annual planning retreat will be held annually with R-DCO and GTGs/GRGs to discuss evolving needs and priorities across UNCTs and to ensure that the proposed services under the Menu of Services align with the evolving needs and priorities and UN Country Team.

Our Service Offer to the Regional UN System, Resident Coordinators, UN Country Teams



Policy advice to the regional UN system and UNCTs on gender equality and the rights of women and girls.

- ✓ Developing guidance and recommendations on gender equality and the rights of women and girls, including within the context of COVID-19 response
- ✓ Issuing thematic briefing notes on specific gender equality issues where there are clear regional/sub-regional dimensions
- ✓ Providing regional trend analysis, policy recommendations and advocacy messages to address key gender equality trends, including achievements and setbacks
- ✓ Creating regional-level spaces for engagement that bring together different actors and partners to highlight key challenges and accelerate progress on gender equality and women and girl's empowerment and rights.

Examples of past support:

- [Gender equality and the COVID-19 outbreak: Key messages and advocacy points from the Europe and Central Asia Regional Issue-Based Coalition on Gender](#)
- [Frequently-Asked-Questions guidance about the Istanbul Convention](#)



Advisory services for UNCTs on the development of CCAs and UNSDCF.

- ✓ Providing guidance, checklists and technical support on strengthening the integration of gender equality into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs) and Common Country Analyses (CCAs) in coordination with the regional Peer Support Group through Regional Development Coordination Office (R-DCO)
- ✓ Analysing existing CCAs and UNSDCF to identify common gender equality priorities as well as gaps and preparing recommendations
- ✓ Guidance and tools for UNSDCF Results Groups to integrate gender across joint work plans and joint programs in specific thematic areas.

Examples of past support:

- [Desk Review of 18 UNDAFs in Europe and Central Asia: Application of Twin-Track Approach to Gender in UNDAFs and CCAs to promote Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women](#)
- [SDGs and Gender Equality: UN Interagency Guidance Note for the Europe and Central Asia Region](#)
- Gender checklist for MAPS missions



Technical and capacity development support to the regional UN system and UNCTs to enhance system-wide accountability for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

- ✓ Webinars and training/knowledge-sharing sessions on specific themes identified and requested by UN Country Teams
- ✓ Technical support and training on UNCT System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality Score Card and the Gender Equality Marker
- ✓ Support for gender capacity assessments
- ✓ Peer-review of regional IBC products to ensure strong gender integration

Examples of past support:

- Regional webinar on “Addressing Gender-based Violence in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- Past webinars on a variety of topics including: [“The Guidance Note on Gender and SDG Implementation: messages, structure and user tips”](#), [“Leaving no one behind”](#), [“The impact of SDGs on addressing gender inequality and child rights throughout the lifecycle”](#)
- Regional



Knowledge management and information sharing within the UN system on gender equality and women’s and girl’s rights.

- ✓ Establish a Community of Practice/Knowledge Platform to support knowledge and experience-sharing between GTGs/GRGs and IBC-GE
- ✓ Bi-annual meetings with GTGs/GRGs to discuss emerging trends and evolving needs and priorities
- ✓ Knowledge products continuously uploaded in UN Regional Knowledge Management Hub