



UN Europe and Central Asia

Issue - Based Coalition
on Gender Equality and Human Rights

Menu of Services

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About the Regional Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality and Human Rights

The main goal of the Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality and Human Rights (IBC-GE-HR)¹ is to ensure a coordinated UN system-wide approach to promoting gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, and human rights in Europe and Central Asia. It also aims to strengthen regional engagement and system-wide accountability for gender equality and human rights, 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-HR is comprised of members from 16 UN entities including: DCO, FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNFPA, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNODC, UN Women, WFP and WHO. It remains open to new members. The IBC-GE-HR is co-chaired by UNFPA, UN Women and OHCHR.

The IBC does not replace the mandates of individual agencies. It provides a mechanism for joint engagement and coordinated support and advice. Where relevant, requests for support from the IBC-GE-HR may be referred and responded to by individual members on behalf of their entities, in coordination with the Secretariat.

About this Menu of Services

This Menu of Services will be updated as needed based on evolving support needs of UNCTs and the types of services and products that the IBC-GE-HR has on offer to its key clients, including UN Country Teams (UNCTs), specifically Resident Coordinators, Gender Theme Groups (GTGs)/Gender Results Groups (GRGs) and Human Rights Theme Groups (HRTGs), and other regional mechanisms under the Regional Collaborative Platform.

¹ In November 2025 the RCP decided to expand the scope of the IBC Gender Equality to include human rights. New Terms of Reference for the IBC-GE-HR were circulated and agreed in January 2026.

Our service Office to the Regional UN system, Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams



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

- ✓ Developing and issuing knowledge products on specific gender equality and human rights issues where there are clear regional/sub-regional dimensions
- ✓ Providing regional trend analysis, policy recommendations and advocacy messages to address key gender equality and human rights 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, the empowerment of women and girls and human 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
- Key messages for RCs and UNCTs on Gender Equality Pushback



Advisory services for UNCTs on the development and implementation of CAs and UNSDCF.

- ✓ Providing guidance, checklists and technical support on strengthening the integration of gender equality and the human rights-based approach into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs) and Country Analyses (CAs) in coordination with the regional Peer Support Group through Regional Development Coordination Office (R-DCO)
- ✓ Guidance and tools for UNSDCF Results Groups to integrate gender and human rights across joint work plans and joint programs in specific thematic areas.
- ✓ Responding to requests from UNCTs for advice and support on the integration of gender equality and human rights in key policy or programmatic initiatives.

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, the empowerment of women and girls and human rights.

- ✓ Webinars and training/knowledge-sharing sessions on specific themes identified by the IBC or requested by UN Country Teams
- ✓ Technical support and training on UNCT System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality Score Card, the Gender and Human Rights Equality Markers, and implementation of the UN system-wide Gender Equality Acceleration Plan (GEAP)
- ✓ Support for gender capacity assessments
- ✓ Support on engagement with the international human rights mechanisms
- ✓ Peer-review of regional IBC products to ensure strong gender and human rights integration

Examples of past support:

Webinars on a variety of topics including: The Guidance Note on Gender and SDG Implementation: messages, structure and user tips; The Impact of SDGs on Addressing Gender Inequality and Child Rights Throughout the Lifecycle; Overview of Gender Mainstreaming in UNSDCF, UNCT-SWAP, UNCT Gender Equality Marker and Gender Theme Groups; [Integrating Gender Equality into The Just Transitions & Climate Change Agenda](#) (with IBC Climate Change and Environment); CSW69, Beijing+30 and CSW Revitalization



Information sharing within the UN system on gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, and human rights.

- ✓ Sharing updates on key policy developments and tools on gender equality and human rights relevant for UNCTs in the region, and guidance on application.
- ✓ Meetings with GTGs/GRGs/HRTGs to discuss emerging trends and evolving needs and priorities