

GLOBAL CONSULTATION ON A COMMON STATISTICAL FRAMEWORK ON GENDER-RELATED KILLINGS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS (FEMICIDE/FEMINICIDE)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Dear colleagues,

As explained extensively in the document [“Towards a common statistical framework on Gender-Related Killings of Women and Girls \(Femicide/Feminicide\): Inter-Agency Working Document”](#) (see attached), the production of data on gender-related killing of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) at national and international level is hampered by a number of factors that make such data not only scarcely available, but also not comparable at the international level and across countries, as local legal definitions or practices exist.

Therefore, we have embarked on an initiative to develop a common approach on gender-related killings of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) for statistical purposes, which will be proposed to the UN Statistical Commission as an operational framework for data producers and as measurement criteria independent from legal definitions.

Preparatory work

Our starting point to develop the common statistical approach on gender-related killings of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) is the “Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women” (CEDAW). The definition of discrimination thereto includes gender-based violence, defined as violence that is directed against a woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately.

From a statistical perspective the challenge lies in operationalizing the concept of gender-based violence in relation to killings through a set of variables that can be subject to statistical measurement. Through technical preparatory work, a large set of variables (32) have been identified as possibly relevant to identify types of killings that should be considered in the common statistical approach. Such variables can relate to the Victim, the Perpetrator, the General Context & Modus Operandi, the Gender-biased context or the Conflict-related context.

Objective of the expert consultation

We would like to gather expert feedback on each of the 32 variables in order to assess if and how they should be included in the operational framework for the measurement of gender-related killing of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) with the view of establishing a framework that is relevant, feasible and sustainable. Hence, we would be honored to have you participating in this global expert consultation, assessing each of these variables following the below criteria:

- a) **Validity** in determining the gender motivation of crime.
- b) **Relevance** for the development of evidence-based prevention policies.
- c) **Feasibility** in terms of the technical and operational capacity to produce corresponding data by Member States.

Your inputs will be a cornerstone to properly measure the most extreme form of violence against women. Thanks in advance for your valued time and active participation.