Review theme: Participation in and access of women to the media and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women (CSW Agreed Conclusions 2003)

Innovative data approaches for measuring progress on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

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**Ms. Irena Križman** is a co-chair of the International Statistical Institute's Statistical Capacity Building Committee. Ms. Križman served 2013-2017 as the Vice President of the ISI. Before retirement in 2013, Ms. Križman was the Director-General of the Statistical Office of the Republic Slovenia (SURS, from 2003-2013). Under her leadership of SURS, Slovenia has developed a modern statistical system based on secondary sources and harmonised with the EU, Euro Area and OECD requirements.