



Review theme: Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development (CSW Agreed Conclusions 2016)

Women’s empowerment and sustainable development: the data challenge and opportunity

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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

Mr. Davis Adieno is currently the Regional Director for Africa at the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. He works with governments, regional bodies, non-state actors, private sector and other organizations, through national data roadmap processes to harness the data revolution and develop strategies that support their priorities for investments and innovations in data to achieve the SDGs and other development priorities. Davis has previously worked for CIVICUS World Alliance as Senior Advisor, Data and Sustainable Development, and Development Initiatives as Senior Manager, Strategic Partnerships and Data Use.

Ms. Ginette Azcona is a Research and Data Policy Specialist for UN Women with more than 10 years of experience in the area of human development, gender, statistics and sustainable development. She is the author of several publications on gender, poverty and human development and currently leads the data and statistical work for UN Women’s flagship reports. Ms. Azcona is one of the principal authors of UN Women’s flagship report on gender and the SDGs: “Turning Promises in to Action” and is currently leading the data and statistical work for UN Women’s forthcoming 2019 Progress of the World’s Women report.

Ms. Orsolya Bartha is the Senior Advisor for the 2030 Agenda at the International Disability Alliance (IDA). She has been working in the human rights and humanitarian field for over 15 years. Ms. Bartha’s main focus over the last few years has been to advocate for the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities at the High-Level Political Forum. She has

also been instrumental in leading the implementation of IDA's gender strategy. Ms. Bartha previously served as the Third Committee Expert for the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations.

Ms. Taiaopo Faumuina is the Assistance CEO in of the Census, Surveys and Demography Statistics Division within the Samoa Bureau of Statistics (SBS). She has almost 16 years of working experience with the SBS in the area of Census, Survey and Demography. Ms. Faumuina had led the division in conducting of Population and Housing Census and Social sample surveys in which statistics are collected, compiled and analyzed in order to write final reports to support different policies in the country. Having worked in the field of conducting surveys for more than ten years, has enabled Ms. Faumuina to set strategies and approaches to produce reliable and quality statistics to support policies or plans in Samoa.

Ms. Manal Sweidan serves as the Head of Gender Statistics and Executive Manager of Demographic and Heath Surveys for the Department of Statistics in Jordan. She has almost 22 years' experience working with the Department of Statistics (DOS), the last 14 years of which as the Head of the Gender Statistics Division. She has acquired her experience in gender research, statistics and general issues through her work experience as well as a variety of national and international training workshops and conferences. She has translated this experience through the establishment of the Gender Statistics Division at DOS. In addition, Ms. Sweidan has co-authored books and published numerous working papers on gender statistics in Jordan.

Ms. Claudia Wells was recently appointed the Director of Data Use at Development Initiatives (DI), where she is responsible for leading the development and implementation of Development Initiatives' data use strategy. In her current capacity, she directs research and learning on data use and contributes to publications that promote the use of data by decision-makers at all levels in order to reduce poverty. Prior to joining DI, Ms. Wells served as the Head of Sustainability and Environment for the UK Office for National Statistics, where she was responsible for developing new data and analysis for a wide range of users, from informing the everyday decisions of the public, to working across government providing robust evidence for policy makers.