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Expert Panel Side Event during the
2017 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Closing the gender data gap: measuring poverty, disability and multi-dimensional deprivation

Friday 14 July 2017
1.15pm – 2.30pm
UNHQ, Conference Room A

Panel

Ms. Joanne Crawford Team Leader, the Individual Deprivation Measure, International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)

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Background

Global demand for greater support for gender statistics is set to increase as we commence implementation of the SDGs. While there is a strong inclusion of gender equality considerations in the SDG indicator framework, the challenges of effectively monitoring the gender-sensitive implementation of the SDGs cannot be overstated.

Gender data matters, without it, it is difficult to devise policy and programs that respond to the differential experiences of men's and women's lives. When data is blind to women's lives, we can inadvertently enforce structural and normative barriers to gender equality. Statistical indices that are not responsive to the multiple and intersecting ways in which individuals experience discrimination, poverty and violence further entrench inequalities that go beyond gender.

The panel will address the need to close gender data gaps to ensure we have the evidence base required to be effective in our commitment to achieving the 2030 Agenda.

RSVP by Friday 7 July 2017 to sharon.mcivor@dfat.gov.au

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