

**Minutes GTG meeting**

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**Date:** June 19, 2017

Time: 14.00-15.30 pm

**Place:** 37/1 Bokhtar str., UNICEF meeting room, VEFA Center, Dushanbe

**Note taker:** Miki Tsuda, Associate Project Officer, UN Women

**Attendees:** GTG Members, Kristin Laabs, Director KfW Office Dushanbe/DCC chairperson**,** Helen Dubok and Dilbar Turakhanova EU Gender Experts, Shahlo Juraeva – Expert on SDGs

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The main purpose of this GTG call was to present and discuss the listed below points:

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| **Session** | **Presenter /Moderator** |
| 1. **Update on 61st CSW Session by UN Women**   UN Women Programme Specialist kicked off the GTG by presenting key outcomes of the 61st CSW Session that has been held in New-York, USA on 13-24 May and the theme was “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world”. The participants were informed on preparatory work for this session led by UN Women in particular:   * Multi-Stakeholder Forum (30 January 2017) - UN Women convened a forum to engage a range of stakeholders in the preparations for CSW61 at UN Headquarters in New York * Expert Group Meeting in preparation to 61st session of CSW (26-28 September 2016) which was convened by UN Women with technical support of ILO convened an Expert Group Meeting on the priority theme: “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”.   It was emphasized that agenda of the 61st session of CSW was consonant with main strategic objectives of the Fourth World Conference on Women,Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including the following areas:   * Women and Poverty * Education and Training of Women * Women and Health * VAW * Women and Armed Conflict * Women and the Economy * Women in Power and Decision-making * Human Rights of Women * Women and the Media * Women and the Environment * The Girl-child   UN Women Programme Specialist highlighted that this is the second year when representative of the National Women’s Machinery of Tajikistan missed an opportunity to participate and contribute at the CSW and necessity of integrating points form CSW’s Agreed conclusions in everyday work of each agency working in the field of gender, including supporting the national actors in fulfilling the conclusions. (For details, see attached presentation). | Zaitoona Naimova | |
| 1. **Networking of CSOs in SDGs nationalization processes in Tajikistan**   The session was devoted to the networking of Tajikistan CSOs in processes SDGs nationalization in the country. Shahlo Abdunabizoda, NGO ‘Jahon’ Director presented the main findings from the recently UN ECE Regional civil society Forum of SDGs that she attended on behalf of civil society organization of Tajikistan. Shahlo has informed the participants on main objectives of the CSO Forum on SDGs:   * Encouraging the policy dialogue and participation at the national level between the government and civil society to ensure coherence and effective implementation at the national level of resolutions and decisions adopted by UN bodies; * The UN, at the regional and international levels, should enable CSOs to prepare for substantive and thematic participation in intergovernmental processes and facilitate their participation in regional and sub regional civil society preparatory meetings prior to the meetings of the Commission and the processes of sustainable development; * Major groups and interested stakeholder in cooperation can organize formal side events and round tables; * Expanding the advocacy and promotion of CSOs at all levels; * Transparent, comprehensive and meaningful opportunities for interaction of civil society with Member States in defining the agenda and optimizing the contribution of civil society to intergovernmental discussions and ensuring the right of civil society to intervene and make recommendations.   She updated GTG members that participants representing CSOs have been divided into thematic working groups, i.e. WGs on children and youth, aged people, people with disabilities, women and girls, refugees and migration issues during the Forum to come up with clear vision and suggestions that have been presented back in the panel of the UNECE Regional Forum.  The below steps were identified and suggested as follow-up actions for nationalization of SDGs, especially gender related SDGs in Tajikistan:  **Step 1.** Consultative meeting between CSOs and governments on involving  CSOs in the processes of nationalization, implementation and  monitoring of the implementation of gender-related SDGs;  **Step 2.** Developing Position Paper, which represents the position of civil  society organizations, including elaborating action plan to structure  their participation in the processes of nationalization of the SDGs, as  well as increased accountability for the results of the implementation  of gender-related SDGs. | Shahlo Abdunabizoda | |
| 1. **Presentation of results of gender related projects mapping**   Mapping of gender related projects has been conducted by UN Women in cooperation will GTG members and UN Agencies. The results of the mapping have been presented to the GTG members. The main purpose of the mapping exercise was to have a clear picture of all gender related projects in the country and also to see what areas are they covering, including level of resources allocated. Participants appreciated the activity and expressed their willingness to further update the matrix on yearly basis. Still some organization as ILO, KFW projects were missed in the matrix, and therefore, it has been agreed that UN Women will be send it for updates to the participants. Nevertheless, it should be noted that some agencies included the project that have gender component what lead to higher level of the resources that in the reality. | Bonu Shambezoda | |
| 1. **GTG members’ vision of gender equality and women's empowerment agenda in Tajikistan – Facilitated by EU Mission of Gender experts.**   EU Experts’ team brief the participants about the purpose of their mission, i.e. EU delegation is undertaking a gender study in the Central Asia for designing informed programming in the region. Hel Dubok highlighted that her team is facilitating gender study in Tajikistan with focus on three sectors: education, health and local governance). The study will also guide EU’s programming policy framework in terms of being gender-responsive. | Helen Dubok | |
| 1. **Cooperation between GTG and DCC** | Zaitoona Naimova | |
| UN Women Programme Specialist informed about establishing Gender and Social Inclusion Thematic Group under the DCC and extending role of GTG to serve as a gender expertize platform to the DCC. TOR for Extended GTG, i.e. SIG Thematic Group is attached hereby.     1. **AOB**  * Chesvi invited the participants to the “**Trade fair of agricultural, food and handicraft products”**. The event seeks to create a socio-economic environment that enables women to enjoy greater protection from sexual and gender-based violence, with a focus on violence against women and girls   **Follow-up actions:**   * UN Women will update the Gender mapping matrix; * UN Women asks concerned agencies and members of the DCC (who is also GTG member) to be active in Gender and Social Inclusion Thematic Group in DCC in order to mainstream gender cluster in the work of corresponding Cluster groups. |  | |