

Better evidence and data for gender equality



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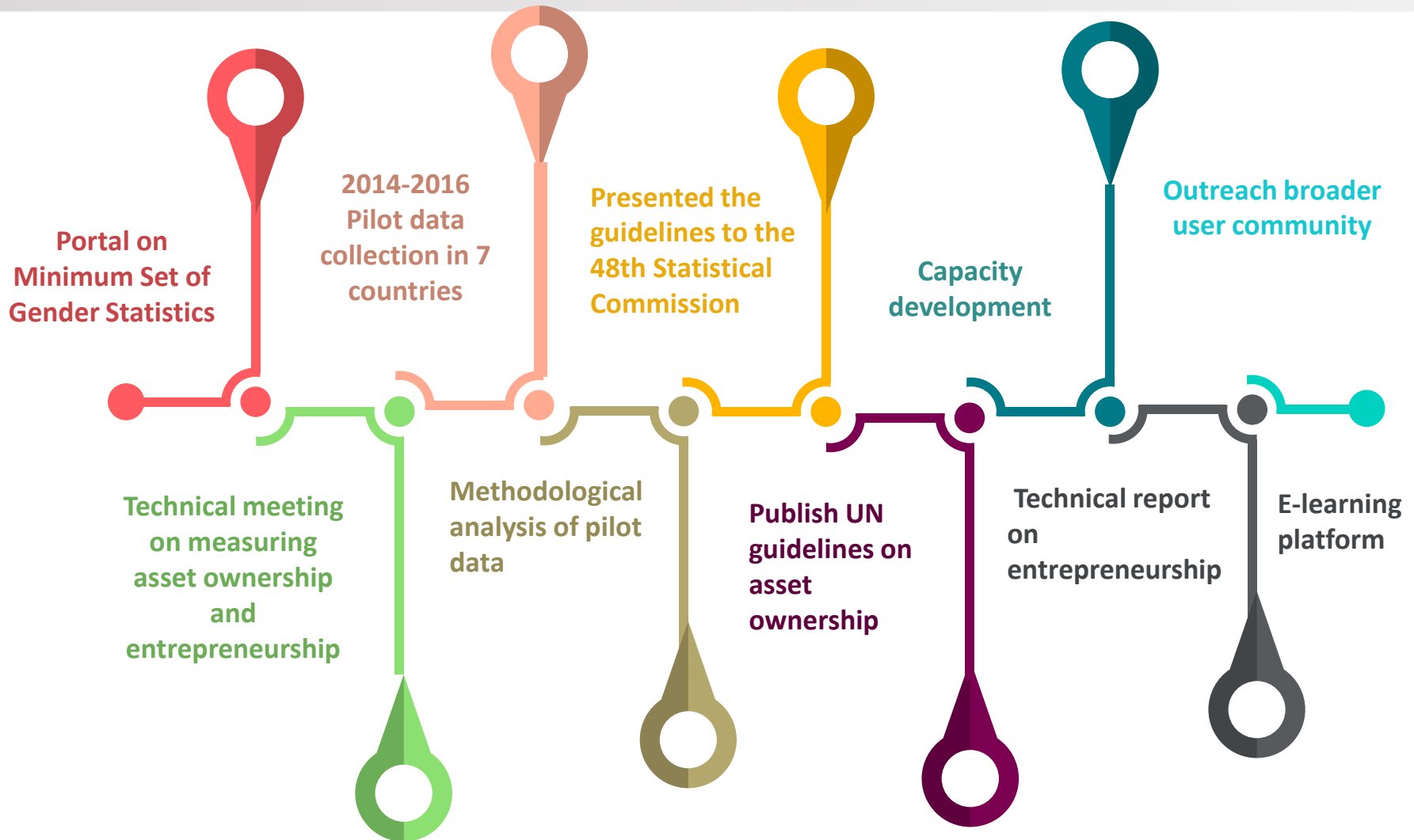
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What is EDGE?

- Joint collaboration of UNSD and UN Women that seeks to accelerate existing efforts to improve Evidence and Data for Gender Equality (EDGE) – since 2013
- Builds on the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics (IAEG-GS)
- Funded by Governments of Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Republic of Korea and USA
- Implemented in partnership with NSOs, ADB, FAO, ILO, OECD, and the World Bank
- Guided by a steering committee and worked closely with group of experts

Activities and timeline



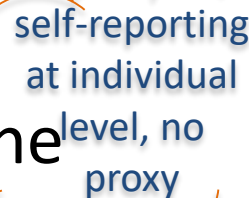
Major achievements

- Dynamic data portal for comparable EDGE indicators on health, education and employment
- Set of agreed methods to produce robust evidence on women's ownership and control of key assets, on gender wealth gaps and on intrahousehold distribution of wealth
 - Conceptual framework and hands-on guidelines
- Assets statistics: moved from household-level data to individual-level data (self rather than proxy respondents)
- Advanced the research on how to measure entrepreneurship from a gender perspective

- Provide guidance on collecting, processing, analysing and disseminating individual-level data on asset ownership for the production of official gender statistics
- Inform methodology for SDG indicator on land ownership
- Targeted users: national statistical offices

Showcase 2: Guidelines on asset ownership and control (cont.)

- Key features of the guidelines:
 - Follows the structure of UNSD international guidelines
 - Consistent with existing internationally-agreed standards
 - Yet, highlighting specificities to the topic
 - Provides a basket of options to operationalize the data collection, depending on
 - Objective of data collection
 - Resources available



self-reporting
at individual
level, no
proxy

- Received wide support from diverse community of experts (gender, SNA, sampling, household surveys..)
- EDGE methods integrated in:
 - major survey instruments (WB-LSMS, FAO-Agri surveys, UNICEF-MICS, ILO-LFS)
 - all UNSD and FAO relevant capacity building activities:
 - regional/national trainings, ad-hoc assistance; e-learning courses

=> Sustainability beyond project duration

- EDGE = Evidence and Data for Gender Equality
 - A widely recognized brand name for “research and methods to fill in gender data gaps”
- Huge interest in EDGE Phase II among national statistical offices and other partners
 - Focus on improving evidence on women’s “double work burden” (unpaid work)
 1. Develop and pilot “light” content for time use survey;
 2. Test mixed mode approach for data collection
 3. Update UN Guidelines to Produce Statistics on Time Use: Measuring Unpaid Work
 4. Build country capacity in collecting time use data
 - UNSD has secured the technical partners and is currently fundraising

Thank you !

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