



Terms of Reference

External Consultant to update the OECD Development Centre's Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI)

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The OECD Development Centre is committed to producing policy-relevant tools, evidence and data that can advance gender equality and women's empowerment. Through its gender programme, the OECD Development Centre is supporting governments and the development community at the global, regional and national levels to track progress and design evidence-based policies to promote sustainable and transformative change for women and girls.

The **Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI)** is a cross-country measure to capture the underlying, often invisible drivers of gender inequality. It measures discrimination in social institutions – formal and informal laws, social norms and practices – in developing and developed countries to draw attention to persistent structural barriers that women and girls face throughout their lifetime. In the fifth edition, it is comprised of **four dimensions** - Discrimination in the family, Restricted reproductive autonomy, Restricted access to productive and financial resources and Restricted civil liberties- in the major socio-economic areas that restrict women's and girl's rights, opportunities and access to crucial resources.

The OECD Development Centre is now in the process of updating the SIGI data for 2023. The overall objective of this consultancy will be to contribute to the update of the SIGI legal data by completing an online survey comprised of 173 questions on laws and practices related to gender equality. The legal data will be used to build the legal variables of the fifth edition of the SIGI; support the analytical work on gender equality and women's empowerment conducted by the OECD Development Centre and track progress on SDG indicator 5.1.1 *"whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination based on sex."*

The externally-based consultant will support updating the fourth edition of the OECD Development Centre's Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI). The assigned tasks will be completed until **30 January 2023**.

I. Objective

The consultant will contribute to the SIGI 2023 by completing an online survey comprised of 173 questions (*Annex I: see the list of countries*).

II. Key tasks

The key tasks of the consultant in relation to this assignment will be:

- Complete the online survey provided by the Gender team of the OECD Development Centre.
- Incorporate and respond to comments and feedback from the OECD Development Centre
- Provide references and full sources for each question.

III. Expected deliverables

- The consultant will return the completed SIGI 2023 Legal Survey with references and sources designated by the OECD Development Centre.
- The consultant will respond to one round of comments from the Development Centre.
- These completed online SIGI 2023 Legal Survey will be delivered according to a schedule agreed upon between the consultant and the OECD Development Centre at the beginning of the contract.

Working mode

The consultant will carry out this work in close collaboration with the OECD Development Centre. Regular communication by email and phone, to update and feedback on the progress made on the assignment will be expected from the consultant.

Payment

The OECD Development Centre will pay the consultant 500 EUROS per completed survey.

- 30% of the total amount upon signature of the contract
- 70% upon completion of SIGI 2023 Legal Surveys

The payments will be made upon the satisfactory delivery of the planned work.

[Annex I: List of countries](#)

Antigua and Barbuda
Bahamas
Burundi
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia
Guatemala
Haiti
Papua New Guinea
Republic of North Macedonia
Republic of the Congo
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Switzerland