

United Nations system objectives

(i) To strengthen the capacity of the United Nations system, including that of the regional commissions, to carry out research and analysis on women's issues, in particular women's role in economic development;

(ii) To develop methods for cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary research on women's status in the development process;

(iii) To prepare a bibliography of research holdings on women and development in United Nations information repositories;

(iv) To establish a global information and documentation service on research on women and development;

(v) To establish at least one principal documentation centre on women and development in each region, with priority given to developing regions.

Strategy

Guidelines will be prepared on approaches to integrating women's issues into economic research and policy analysis. Methodology will be developed at the regional level for analysing changes in the situation of women in each region. Research on women's issues will be highlighted in work programmes and programme budgets.

During the United Nations Decade for Women, information on women and development was scattered and not easily accessible. An indexing vocabulary will be developed, and a repository designated in the United Nations system to collect material on women and to publish abstracts on a regular basis. Attention will also be given to the establishment in each region of at least one principal documentation centre on women at an appropriate institution, for example, the Pan-African Documentation and Information System (PADIS).

The organizations primarily responsible for implementing this subprogramme are the United Nations (CSDHA, DIESA, DPI, ESCAP, ECA, ESCWA, ECLAC), INSTRAW, UNIFEM, ILO and UNESCO.

Subprogramme 5.4 Technical co-operation, training and advisory services

Intergovernmental objectives

(i) To increase the amount of technical co-operation available to benefit women;

(ii) To develop a new approach to technical co-operation that will break the cycle of dependency, emphasize local needs, use local materials and resources, as well as local creativity and expertise, and fully integrate women as agents and beneficiaries in all technical co-operation activities;