

# Gender, Voice and Agency

## MDB-Sponsored Workshop

2-4 June 2014 • ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines

### DAY 1 – MONDAY 2 JUNE

9:00 - 9:30

#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

- *Welcome* -- Michaela Bergman  
Chair, MDB Working Group on Gender
- [Opening Remarks ADB](#) -- Stephen Groff  
Vice-President, Operations 2, ADB
- *Welcome Address* -- Corazon Soliman  
Secretary, DSWD, Philippines

9:30 - 11:00 **Session 1 Gender, Voice and Agency (Chair, Shireen Lateef, ADB)**

*This first session is designed to set the stage and provide the framework for the presentations and discussions to follow during the Workshop. It commences with World Bank's presentation on the key findings from the Voice and Agency report focusing on the 5 different expressions of agency. Two eminent Asian women National Assembly members will recount how political space was secured for women in Nepal and Pakistan to give women voice in national and district politics.*

- [Voice and Agency: constraints and pathways to empowering women and girls for shared prosperity](#) -- Lucia Hanmer, World Bank
- [Findings from the Social Institution and Gender Index \(SIGI\)](#) -- Keiko Nowacka, OECD
- [Strategies for legislative reform for women's increased role in politics](#) -- Dr. Attiya Inayatulla, Member National Assembly, Pakistan

*Open Discussion*

11:00 - 11:20

#### Coffee Break



**11:20 - 12:45 Session 2. Legal Frameworks and Institutions (Chair, Imrana Jalal, ADB)**

*This session will focus on the overarching legal frameworks and institutions that function to enable or constrain women's agency. EBRD will report findings of a study on plural legal frameworks, social norms and customary rules in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey, and how they affect women's economic rights, while AfDB will report findings on general trends and good practices in addressing legal gaps in 5 African countries. AsDB will provide some examples of loan and technical assistance programs supporting legal reforms that help enable women's voice and agency.*

- [Enhancing Women's Economic Empowerment in EBRD's Operations through Voice, Agency and Participation: Overview of Study Findings](#)  
-- Jacques Charmes, Consultant, EBRD
- [Supporting Legislative Reform and Access to Justice through policy-based lending and technical assistance](#) -- Shireen Lateef, ADB
- [Gender equality and legal frameworks - Women's Agency and Economic Empowerment: Presentation of Report](#) -- Gisela Geisler, AfDB

*Open Discussion*

**12.45 – 2.00 Lunch**

**2.00 – 3.30 Session 3. Freedom from Violence (A)  
(Chair, Elena Ferreras Carreras, EBRD)**

*The Freedom from Violence sessions will focus on magnitudes of violence against women, findings from the chapter on violence against women in the World Bank voice and agency monograph, good practices to prevent violence against women and provide quality services to survivors that have been rigorously evaluated—and on challenges to mounting rigorous impact evaluations in this area.*

- [Main findings from Freedom from Violence chapter of Voice and Agency Study](#)  
-- Lucia Hanmer, WB
- [Integrated services and prevention programme: design and impact evaluation issues](#) - -Andrew Morrison, IADB
- [Impact evaluations and sectoral entry points to address violence against women](#)  
  
-- Mary Ellsberg, GWU

*Open Discussion*

**3.30 - 3.45pm Coffee Break**

**3.45 – 5.15 Session 4. Freedom from Violence (B) (Chair, Andrew Morrison, IADB)**

*In this second session, special attention will be paid to anti-violence initiatives and programs in the Pacific, an Asia Pacific survey on why men use violence against women and how to prevent it, and specific challenges in post-conflict environments in Africa (Cote d'Ivoire).*

- [Findings of the UN multi-country study on men and violence in Asia/Pacific and Implications for Violence Prevention](#) --James Lang, Partners for Prevention
- [Combatting violence against women in the Pacific – programs and initiatives](#) --Shamima Ali, Fiji Women's Crises Centre
- [Emerging from conflict: addressing gender-based violence through a multi-sector support project in Cote D'Ivoire](#) --May Ali Babiker, AfDB

*Open Discussion*

**5.30 pm – 6.00pm**

**World Bank Launch  
VOICE and AGENCY Publication**

**6.00 pm**

**Cocktails hosted by ADB**

## DAY 2 – TUESDAY 3 JUNE

### 9.00 – 10.30 Session 5. Freedom of Movement (Chair, Michaela Bergman, EBRD)

*This panel will examine the gendered aspects of movement and mobility. Freedom of movement and mobility is an important dimension of women's agency. The session will have a particular focus on transport services in urban settings that can facilitate safe and secure mobility of women and girls. Panellists will present research and case studies on transport projects that provide women with potential opportunities to engage in employment and income-generation, civic activities, including expanding female networks beyond the home and village.*

- [Survival of the Fittest - constraints to freedom of movement using public transport in Kathmandu: Key Findings: Gender and Public Transport in Nepal Study](#)  
--Dee Jupp, Consultant, World Bank
- [Promoting safe and secure movement and mobility of women in Dhaka, Bangladesh: ADB's Bus Rapid Transit Project](#) -- David Margonsztern, ADB/  
Ferdousi Sultana, Project Team member
- [EBRD Case studies on safe transport \(Cairo Buses, ENR, Almaty Buses\)](#)  
--Elena Ferreras Carreras, EBRD
- [Pilot initiatives on sexual harassment on public transport in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Pakistan](#)  
--Shanny Campbell, ADB

*Open Discussion*

### 10.30 – 10.50 COFFEE BREAK

### 10.50 - 12.30 Session 6. Women's Access and Control of Land and Productive Resources (Chair, Gisela Geisler, AfDB)

*This panel will examine how women's access to and control over land and resources impacts their economic empowerment, agency and participation. The session will present good practices on access to finance for women entrepreneurs; access to export markets through trade facilitation; economic empowerment for deprived families, and; a gender-inclusive business model. Panellists will also examine the impact of formal and informal land rights on women's economic empowerment.*

- [Facilitating equal opportunities and access to finance](#) --Michaela Bergman, EBRD
- [Gender and land: lessons from an inclusive business model in Uganda](#)  
--Maria Hartl, IFAD
- [Gendered impacts of Caribbean trade agreements: enhancing women's access to export markets and trade facilitation](#)  
-- Marsha Caddle, CDB
- [Transforming the Family Structure into a Productive Resource for Women](#)  
-- Samar Samara, Project Manager, IsDB

*Open Discussion*



**12.30 - 1.30 Lunch**

**1.30 – 2.45 Session 7. Identity and Civil Registration (Chair, Betty Wilkinson, ADB)**

*Civil registration and formal identity are windows to women's expression and exercise of agency. Legal identity is a pre-requisite to access all other rights, civic, social and economic, and to gain access to basic and essential services such as education, health care, legal protection and social assistance. Without formal identity women are invisible, stateless and excluded from exercising their civil rights. This panel will review the status of women's civil registration in the Asia Pacific region, with 2 MDB case study presentations on programs supporting women's civil registration in Asia and Latin America.*

- [Civil Registration in Asia and the Pacific- Ensuring rights for women and girls](#)  
-- Kristen Wenz, UNICEF EAPRO
- [Pakistan: Computerized national identity cards for poor women \(Benazir Income Support Program\)](#)  
--Shazi Toor, BISP Pakistan
- [Linking civil registration and identification with vital statistics in Uruguay](#)  
--Maria Tamargo. IADB

*Open Discussion*

**2.45 – 3.00 Coffee Break**

**3.00-4.45 Session 8. Women's Voices in Governance Structures  
(Chair, Sonomi Tanaka,ADB)**

*The Governance sessions will focus on initiatives designed to promote women's participation in governance structures, with a strong emphasis on local-level governance. Specific case studies will be presented from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Morocco and Tanzania. In addition, a multi-country IFAD initiative to promote rural women's involvement and leadership in producer and farmers' organizations will be presented, as will an IDB program to promote female participation in elections in areas where women's participation has historically lagged men's participation.*

- [Women's Political Leadership in Elections: Evidence on the effectiveness of women's leadership projects](#)  
-- Gabriela Vega, IADB
- [Giving locally elected women voice in local governance structures: Bangladesh: Urban Governance and Infrastructure Project II](#)  
-- Shafiqul Islam Akand, Project Director, LGED
- [Cambodia: Building women's leadership for participation in commune councils](#)  
-- Pok Nanda, WfP

*Open Discussion*



## DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE

### 9.00 - 10.30 Session 10. Decision-Making over Family Formation

(Chair: Maria Hartl, IFAD)

*The Voice and Agency study reports that girls with no education were 6 times more likely to marry than girls with high school education in 18 out of the 20 countries with the highest levels of child marriage. This panel will focus on prevalence rates of child marriage in Asia highlighting some of the social and cultural drivers; programs and initiatives across the region tackling child marriage, and; a case study of an education project for disadvantaged Hmong communities where early marriage rates are twice as high as for Kinh majority ethnic group.*

- [Marrying too young; Policy options for actions to address child marriage in Asia](#)  
--Kiran Bhatia, UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office
- [Building a Social Movement to end Child Marriage: Plan's Programs in Asia](#)  
-- Sofia Naveed, Gender Advisor, Plan Pakistan
- [Education for the most disadvantaged communities in Vietnam: Strategy for delayed marriage?](#)  
--Samantha Hung, ADB

*Open Discussion*

### 10.30 – 10.50 COFFEE BREAK

### 10.50 - 12.00 Session 11. Way forward for MDBs *Michaela Bergman, (Chair, MDB-WGG)*

*Panel discussion by MDB representatives on way forward for Women's Voice, Agency and Participation agenda*

- Gisela Geisler (AfDB)
- Sonomi Tanaka (AsDB)
- Marsha Caddle (CDB)
- Elena Ferreras Carreras (EBRD)
- M. Gabriela Vega (IADB)
- Lucia Hanmer (WB)

### 12.00 - 12.15 Open Discussion

### 12.15 - 12.30 Workshop Closing