

Invitation to the SDC Gendernet Event on

Measuring social norms for Post 2015: the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI)

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with

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Tackling social norms that discriminate against women and girls have emerged as a priority in the post 2015 framework to achieve gender equality and sustainable development. The OECD Development Centre's **Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI)** is a cross-country measure of discrimination against women in social institutions (formal and informal laws, social norms, and practices) across 160 countries. Through its country profiles, country classifications and unique database, SIGI offers policy makers and the development community strong evidence on how discriminatory social norms restrict women's rights, access to justice and empowerment opportunities. The SIGI covers five dimensions of discriminatory social institutions: discriminatory family code, restricted physical integrity, son bias, restricted resources and assets, and restricted civil liberties.

The presentation will introduce the SIGI's methodological framework, key results from the 2014 edition and implications for the post 2015 framework, including monitoring progress on commitments, capacity building at the national level and development effectiveness.

For SDC, improving and measuring gender results is a key topic – both as a major challenge in our operational work and in view of our commitments for gender equality and a strong monitoring framework in the post-2015 agenda. The event provides an opportunity to reflect on how SDC can support countries in building up strong data bases to more effectively address discriminatory social institutions and to implement and measure progress towards gender equality goals and targets in the new development framework.

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