

The Gender Task Force Kick-off



Gender is integral to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of relevance to the OIE and has been an important topic in global policy discussions and within international organisations, governments, the private sector and civil society/NGOs. Given its importance, in June 2021 the ComEx approved the launch of an OIE Gender Task Force (GTF).

Colleagues from HQ and the regions were invited to join this GTF. The kick-off meeting took place in December 2021 and since then, the group has been building momentum.

The first main initiative was the launch of a first-ever OIE staff survey on gender. Over 120 staff members responded to the survey, and the results are being analysed and will be shared in the coming weeks.

The Gender Task Force is also setting up workstreams to address different objectives for the Organisation, such as events coordination/training, incorporating gender best practices into OIE projects, data management, development of a gender strategy, and liaison with partners and networks.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming presentation on the staff survey results, and in the meantime, we would like to encourage everyone to continue thinking about how gender issues are relevant to the OIE's work.

Feel free to reach out to the GTF if you have any suggestions at gendertaskforce@oie.int.

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