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AND GIRLS AT THE CENTRE

UN DESA HIGHLIGHTS 2023–2024

Shedding light on global gender disparities and challenges towards gender equality

UN DESA and UN Women jointly published *Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2023*, highlighting alarming gaps in gender equality and women's well-being, with an estimated additional $360 billion per year needed to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. The report provided a comprehensive overview of global gender
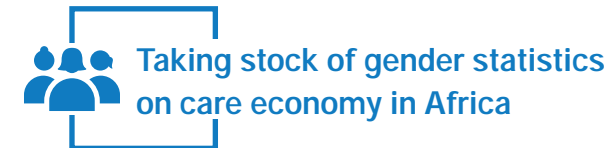
climate change, resistance to equality, and inadequate

needs of older women, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity in gender equality initiatives. The report

address the climate crisis, and ensure fair representation of women in leadership roles. It emphasized the

pivotal roles older women play in sustainable development and calls for commitment to promote their

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lence. These insights underscore the need for comprehensive solutions to achieve gender equality globally.

Taking stock of gender statistics on care economy in Africa

and learn good practices in gender statistics and data management in Africa at the 9th United Nations Global Forum on Gender Statistics in August 2023 in Johannesburg, organized in collaboration with Statistics South Africa. Under the theme "Measuring what we value - gender statistics for an informed care economy", the forum discussions focused on gender equality

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lence against women and girls; legal identity and gender equality; and ways to improve data and evidence on the growing challenges and opportunities offered by the care economy, including gender mainstreaming efforts of the National Statistics Systems. The forum brought together 240 in-person participants (both producers and users of gender statistics) from national

agencies, international organizations, academia, civil

society, and the donor community. Panellists and au-

out of existing data, including by mainstreaming a gender lens into existing data processes, climate change statistics, and business and trade statistics.

UN DESA assisted several countries to identify and address gender gaps in public administration. Capacity-development modules were developed in partner-