# GENDER SENSITIVE INDICATORS FOR MEDIA (GSIM)

### COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SECTOR

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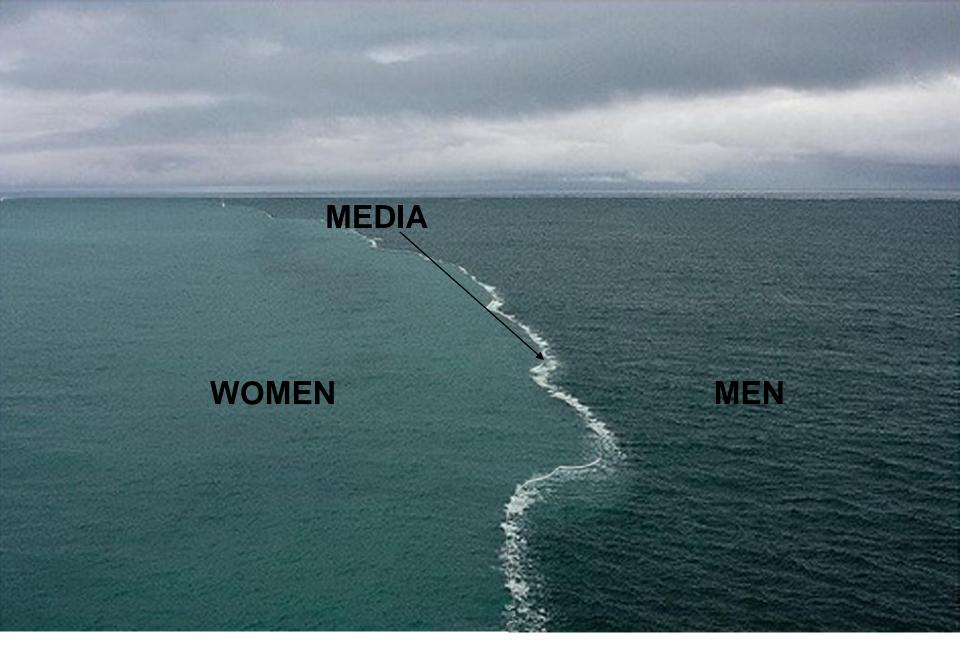


#### INTRODUCTION

- What is the GSIM
- Target group and design
- Examples of Indicators
- Application of the Indicators
- Preparation process

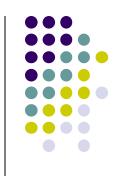






### **GSIM**

### WHAT IS THE GSIM RESOURCE?



- Enable media to make gender issues transparent and comprehensible
  - Look inward at their own operations and practices
  - A tool for assessment
  - A tool for setting goals
  - A tool for monitoring progress
  - A resource for training
  - A resource to inform gender related policies and strategies



### WHAT IS THE GSIM RESOURCE contd.



An extension of the media development indicators



### TARGET GROUP & DESIGN OF THE GSIM



- Primary target groups are media organisations:
  - Publicly funded/Public Service Broadcasters
  - Community media
  - Private
  - Journalists' unions and associations
  - Print/Broadcast unions and associations
  - Self-regulatory bodies
- Secondary target groups:
  - Citizens' media groups
  - Media and journalism training institutions



## TARGET GROUP & DESIGN OF THE GSIM contd.



#### **Broad Issues Considered:**

- Comprehensive but not exhaustive
- Non-prescriptive approach
- Input, process and outcome factors
- Qualitative and quantitative data collection
- The role of professional associations and civil society groups



## TARGET GROUP & DESIGN OF THE GSIM contd.



#### **CATEGORIES:**

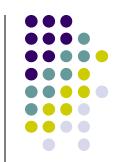
- Category A
  - Actions to foster gender equality within media organisations
- Category B
  - Gender portrayal in media content

#### Five dimensions:

 User group; Critical area of concern; Strategic objective; Indicators; Means of verification



# Category A – Actions to foster gender equality within media organisations



#### **Sub-sections:**

- Gender balance at decision-making level
- Gender equality in work and working conditions
- Gender equality in unions, associations, clubs and organisations of journalists, other media professionals and media self-regulatory bodies
- Media organizations promote ethical codes/editorial policies in favour of gender equality in media content
- Gender balance in education and training



### Category B - Gender portrayal in media content



#### Sub-sections:

- News & Current Affairs
- Advertising



# **EXAMPLES OF INDICATORS**Category A



- A1.1 Strategic Objective 1: Gender balance among decision makers within media organisations
- Indicators:
  - 1. Proportion of women in ownership, business management and board positions.
  - 3. Cyclical review and reporting on actions to ensure gender balance at decision-making levels.
  - 8. Existence of specific quota system for representation of women in decision-making.



# **EXAMPLES OF INDICATORS**Category A



- A2.2 Strategic objective 2: Safe working environment for women and men
- Indicators:
  - Existence of facilities taking into account the different needs of men and women
  - Existence and implementation of comprehensive prevention, complaints, support and redress system
  - Alignment of media policies to relevant articles of CEDAW



# **EXAMPLES OF INDICATORS**Category A



- A4.1 Strategic objective 1: Integration of gender awareness into media practice through adoption of policies...
- Indicators:
  - 1. Existence of (written) gender policy with specific reference to media practices (such as sourcing)
  - 8. Internal mechanisms to provide the public with a forum for complaints and criticism about gender equality issues in content.....
  - 13. Promotion of use of sex disaggregated data in journalistic content



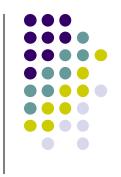
# **EXAMPLES OF INDICATORS**Category B



- B1.3 Strategic objective 3: Coverage of gender equality and equity issues as an important and integral part of the media's acknowledged role as a watchdog of society
- Indicators:
  - Percentage of stories focusing on issues of gender equality/inequality....
  - 3. Percentage of time or space and prominence, as compared to other stories, given to stories highlighting gender-related issues or drawing out the gender aspects of events or issues



### **USING THE GSIM**



#### **Local Context:**

- Budget
- Goal of the media organization
- The status of gender equality and women's empowerment
- The availability of expertise
- Internal policy requirements
- Capacity building needs



### **USING THE GSIM contd.**



- Establish partnerships with civil society groups and citizens' media groups
- Baseline assessment
- Generate a status report to:
  - Undertake the necessary training
  - Articulate policy and strategic direction
  - Set measurable and achievable targets
  - Monitor and assess to map progress



### GSIM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



- Online consultation
- Preparation of First Draft
- International consultation meeting 14 & 15 April 2011
- Preparation of Second Draft
- Virtual consultation with print/broadcast unions/associations
- Review by selected experts
- Preparation of Final Draft



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## On the front lines with female journalists





