

Gender Digital Divide Indicators

The following are components of the Régentic¹ Gender Digital Divide Indicators, a good place to start when looking to develop gender based ICT indicators²

Decision making and policy

- Gender disparities in the higher echelons of ICT policy-making bodies
- Gender disparities in the higher echelons of ICT economic bodies
- Gender disparities in the higher echelons of civil society organizations
- Number of civil society organizations active on ICT and gender issues
- Explicit reference to gender considerations in ICT policy and regulation
- Disparities in gender training in ICT institutions

Content

- Gender disparities in the use of virtual products
- Percentage of electronic products (lists, websites, telephone services) in the country dealing with gender, in French or the national language
- Adaptation of virtual content to needs expressed by women

Skills

- Gender disparities in literacy/school enrollment at all levels, irrespective of language
- Gender disparities in ICT training
- Explicit consideration of gender issues and ICT policies in ICT training
- Gender disparities among ICT professionals

Connectivity

- Gender disparities in the use of computers, Internet, and mobile telephones
- Gender disparities in access to computers and the Internet, according to access locations
- Gender disparities in mobile telephone or e-mail subscriptions
- Gender disparities according to ICT use methods: personal, professional, public
- Gender disparities in Internet and mobile phone access and accessibility

¹ The Gender and ICT network, Régentic, is a joint initiative of Environment and Development in the Third World (ENDA), the Observatoire des systèmes d'information, réseaux et inforoutes du Sénégal (OSIRIS), and the Senegalese Telecommunication Regulation Agency. Its members are individuals and organizations working to promote gender justice in national, African, and global information society in partnership with public, private, national, and global development cooperation actors.

² Hafkin, Nancy and Sonya Huyer, *Women and Gender in ICT Statistics and Indicators for Development* Volume 4, Number 2, Winter 2007, 25–41 <http://itidjournal.org/itid/article/viewFile/254/124>