Social Protection Systems, Public Services and Sustainable Infrastructure
Unpacking the CSW 63 Theme
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• Understanding the Theme
• Why the three way focus

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• Key issues for Africa
• CSO and the Political dimension
The sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019.

Priority theme:
• Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;

Review theme:
• Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development (agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session);
The Social Protection, Public Services & Sustainable Infrastructure Nexus

Social Protection Systems
Preventing, managing and overcoming situations that adversely affect people’s wellbeing.

Public Services
Services provided by government to its people either directly (through the public sector) or by financing provision of services.

Sustainable Infrastructure
The development of transport infrastructure, buildings, energy and water infrastructure, but requires careful consideration due to the enormous impacts to the well-being of people and the planet.

Sustainable Infrastructure
How infrastructure enables productive Social Protection.

Public Services
How Social Protection & infrastructure enable access.

Social Protection
How Social enables access to public services and is strengthened by infrastructure.

Social Protection
Preventing, managing and overcoming situations that adversely affect people’s wellbeing.
The CSW63 theme which focuses on **Social protection systems**, **public services** and **sustainable infrastructure** can be broken down (by EGM report) as follows:

1. **Social protection Systems**: Set of Policies and Programs concerned with preventing, managing and overcoming situations that adversely affect people’s wellbeing.

2. **Public services**: In the care sector to reduce unpaid care work, access to health care and education services with regards access, affordability, etc

3. **Sustainable infrastructure**: physical infrastructure including school buildings with safe sanitation facilities for girls, Energy, transport, water, sanitation and waste management are crucial sectors for sustainable infrastructure
Target 5.4 ‘Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate’.

**Target 8.3** Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, and

**Target 8.8** Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environment.

**Target 11.2** By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all.
Informal economy – lower skill + lower capital + lower income segments.

Exclusion means – obstacles to access basic services (health, education, employment).

Gender Overview

Population: 1.2bn

Poor: 41%

Female Poor: 57%

GDP: 2.19tn

Poor education, poor nutrition, indecent employment, unequal access to productive resources and public services.

Poverty = Injustice + Discrimination + exclusion.
Linking the Theme to Gender

- **01** Systems Approach
  - Comprehensive Programming
  - Dynamism in Programming

- **02** Life course
  - Distribution of risk

- **03** Nature of Data and analysis
  - Affects how we understand Gender, poverty and vulnerability

- **04** Programming for Gender
  - All round focus will allow for greater visibility of Gender

- **05** Thinking outside the box
  - Greater Integration and
Interlinkages between social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure

Coordination and policy coherence across sectors

Complement one another’s objectives, functions and financing, avoid trade-offs and harness synergies

Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

Why the Three Way Theme?
Key Issues for Africa

Financing Disparities
Different levels of investments in the three areas

Systems
Capacity Development for Coordinated, Multi-sectoral approaches

Coverage
Extending coverage & adequacy of benefits

Data
Generate more and better quality data

Gender Practical Needs
Gender responsive programming through the Life course.

Design
Strengthen the SP, Public Service, Infrastructure Nexus
Political Dimension

Purse

The nature of resourcing the theme components is a reflection of the political will to equitably finance the policy areas – **CSO - Budget related Evidence informed Advocacy**

Power

Unified voice for gender responsive integrated policies that requires fundamental transformation of economic and social institutions, including the beliefs, norms and attitudes that shape them – **CSO - Convening, evidence & mobilising**

Parliament

Strengthening the normative, legislative and institutional environment for gender responsive policy making and for greater integration – **CSO - Advocacy**

Partnership

Ensuring the elaboration of the roles of different partners, development partners, private for profit, private non-profit and recipients of the products or services – **CSO – Stakeholder Engagement and coalition building**
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