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## Panel on Measuring Women's Work: Innovations and Obstacles in the Global South Countries

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### Background

Recent research continues to highlight the ways in which traditional statistical tools used to collect data on work are blind to much of the work done by women. Drawing from this research, feminist scholars in the global South have proposed innovative ways to measure and recognize the work done by women. In this panel, we present this research and highlight these innovations, and ask what is necessary to drive the adoption of these tools by statistical agencies in global South countries.



## PROGRAMME

- Moderator** : **David Francis**  
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