



Institutional Self-Assessment Tool

of gender-based violence policies and practices

The GenderSAFE Institutional Self-Assessment Tool is an interactive process designed to help higher education and research institutions assess, enhance, and monitor their response to gender-based violence. It focuses on seven key areas known as Impact Drivers and uses a six-stage maturity model to track progress: Starting point > Project > Inception > Growth > Integration > Institutionalisation.

Why use the Institutional Self-Assessment Tool?

This tool offers a structured and reflective way for institutions to assess their current practices, policies, and support systems related to gender-based violence. It allows institutions to:

- Identify areas of strength and gaps across multiple dimensions of gender-based violence policies.
- Understand their level of institutional development across six progressive stages.
- Receive tailored recommendations for improvement and future action.
- Raise awareness internally and stimulate structured dialogue.

How Does it Work?

01. Complete the self-assessment

Answer a series of reflective questions covering 7 key Impact Drivers and their indicators.

02. Discuss internally

The tool is designed for collaborative completion, allowing to pause, save progress, and return later, at any time.

03. Receive a report

Upon completion, receive a detailed report including a spider graph summarising performance across the seven Impact Drivers, a description of your institution's maturity level for each area, and tailored recommendations.

04. Monitor your institution's progress

Track your institution's advancement towards change by repeating the assessment periodically (ideally every 12-18 months).

In the future, and depending on the volume of responses, the tool may offer benchmarking features that will allow analysis of anonymous aggregated data to identify similarities and differences across Institutions (e.g. by size, type, or country). Comparative results are always presented in anonymised and aggregated form.

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