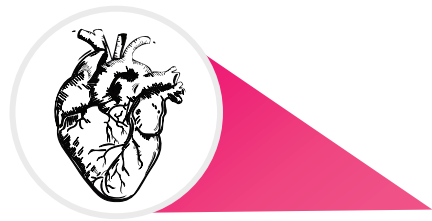


# SOGIESC



## SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Each person's enduring capacity for profound romantic, emotional and/or physical feelings for, or attraction to, people of a particular gender. Encompasses hetero-, homo- and bisexuality and a wide range of other expressions of sexual orientation.



## GENDER IDENTITY

Refers to each person's deeply felt internal and individual experience of gender, which may or may not correspond with the sex they were assigned at birth or the gender attributed to them by society.



## GENDER EXPRESSION

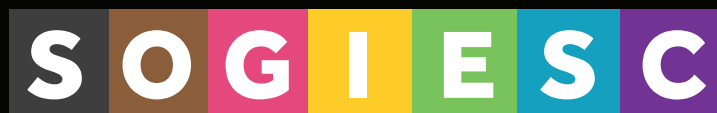
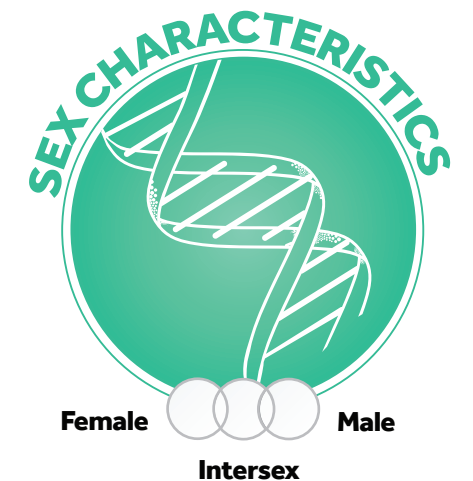
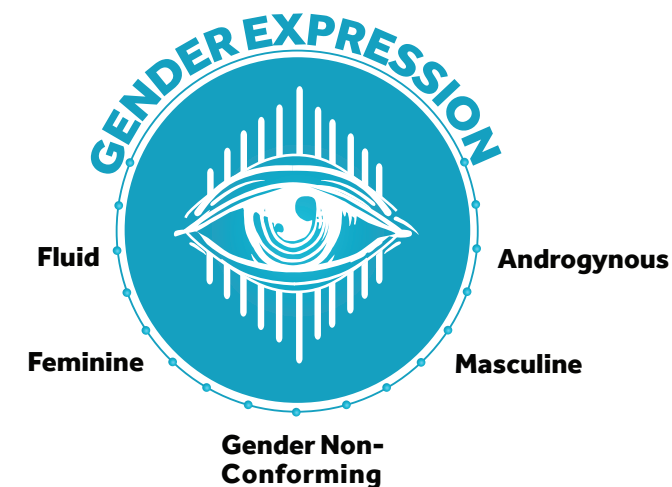
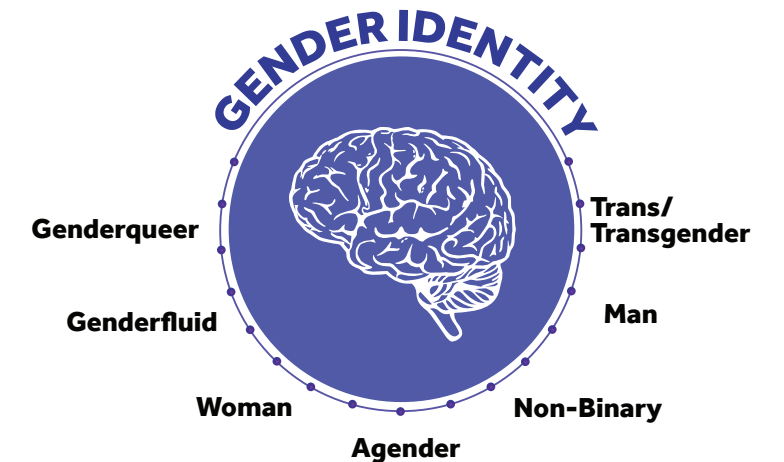
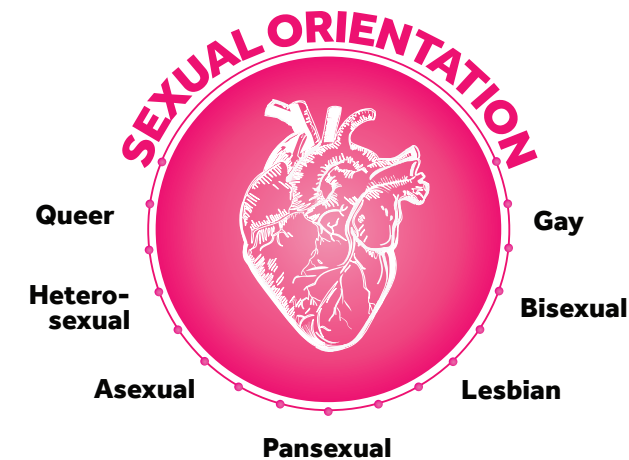
People use a range of cues, such as names, pronouns, behaviour, clothing, voice, mannerisms and/or bodily characteristics, to interpret other individuals' genders. Gender expression is not necessarily an accurate reflection of an individual's gender identity. One does not have to have a diverse sexual orientation, gender identity or sex characteristics to have a diverse gender expression.



## SEX CHARACTERISTICS

Each person's physical features relating to sex, including genitalia and other sexual and reproductive anatomy, chromosomes, hormones and secondary physical features emerging from puberty. Infants are typically assigned the sex of male or female at birth based on the appearance of their external genitalia.

The words you see below represent just a few of the terms that could be placed in each space. The dots represent the numerous other relevant terms, in all languages, that could also be placed there. No hierarchy exists within these terms. These four distinct areas each represent an infinite range, with no first or last positions.



This graphic represents just one of the numerous ways to conceptualize SOGIESC. We recognize that there are numerous terms used to talk about SOGIESC concepts around the world, and that a tiny number of them are included here. This concept was adapted, with gratitude, from the Gender Unicorn by Trans Student Educational Resource <http://www.transstudent.org/gender> Contact: LGBTIQ+ Focal Point Jenn Rumbach [jrumbach@iom.int](mailto:jrumbach@iom.int).