



Feminist Municipalism and the Global Agendas

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The Covid-19 pandemic has further exacerbated global and local inequalities, disproportionately impacting women, girls and non-binary people, especially those of colour, those with different accessibility needs, those of migrant background, older women, and other marginalised groups. Yet, in response, we have seen the emergence of a powerful global movement: the Feminist Municipal Movement. It calls for a new kind of politics, which centers care, as a pathway to achieving a world in which no one and no place is left behind.

A feminist politics is one which promotes solidarity and partnership over competition - where cities and local governments actively work together, as is called for by SDG17. A feminist politics means creating spaces for people and the planet to be nurtured and respected - wherein local and regional governments ensure all citizens' rights can be met, by providing services and enabling environments which are sensitive to gender and account for a diversity of needs. A feminist politics calls for participatory, inclusive approaches that ensure all voices are accounted for and represented in decision-making; where all have a right to the city, the global commons, and to public spaces, and feel safe, seen and represented.

On the occasion of the 66th Commission on the Status of Women, on the theme of **'Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes'**, UCLG is mobilising the constituency gathered in the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, to host the Local and Regional Government Day on **'Feminist municipalism: empowering women local leaders as a pathway for the achievement of the SDGs'**.

This session, entitled **'Feminist Municipalism and the Global Agendas'** will form one of four different sessions and will bring together local and regional government elected and appointed officials, partners and civil society representatives, to further reflect on the emergence and value of the Global Feminist Municipal Movement and its key role in collectively achieving Global Agendas while ensuring all people and ecological systems can thrive.



The session will be organised as an interactive dialogue. Interventions will be max 3 minutes each to allow for interactive discussions around the following topics:



What are the policy areas that will need more attention in the coming years to promote the empowerment of women and diverse gender groups?



How can we ensure feminist municipal leaders are empowered to achieve the global agendas? Who are the key stakeholders who will need to be involved?

The session's voices include:

Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG

Madelaine Y. Alfelor-Gazman, Mayor of Iriga & UCLG Governing Co-President

Paula Vargas Ramírez, Mayor of San Jose

Pilar Díaz, Mayor of Esplugues de Llobregat

Fatimetou Abdel Malick, President of the Region of Nouakchott

Stephanie Tan, City Councilor of Catbalogan

Iryna Yarmolenko, City Councillor of Buch

Vandana Shiva, Climate change activist and writer

Matilde Vide, Director of gender policy and sexual diversity, Tandil