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67th Session on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)

Local and Regional Governments' Day



7 March 2023, 3:00-6:00 PM EST

Riverview Room, Millenium Hilton NY ONE UN-Plaza, 28th Floor

Each year, in the framework of the **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)**, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), gathers the constituency of local and regional governments, key partners and civil society to collectively reflect on our role and progress in **localizing SDG 5**, challenging **gender-based inequalities and violence**, and advocating for **equitable political representation in all spheres of leadership**.

While in this current moment the rights of diverse women are increasingly under threat, the recent adoption of our [UCLG Pact for the Future](#), in October 2022, **highlights that the call for a Feminist Municipal Agenda resonates firmly across the globe**. This serves to reiterate the powerful role that local and regional governments can and must play in putting **equity, human rights, proximity, the Right to the City, peace, and care at the heart of our communities**.

In this spirit, our **Local and Regional Government's day will be an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the constituency's [CSW67 Written Statement](#)** as well as our collective **unfolding of the Pact, in relation to our local and global agendas**. Indeed, ensuring a radically more gender-just future for all, will mean rethinking our ways of working together, who we work with and how, calling for a **renewed, and deeply participatory vision for multilateralism and multistakeholder action**.

As such, this Local and Regional Governments day will also center the important work of **key partners in the area of feminist leadership**, bringing them into conversation with local and regional leaders, to deepen trust, shared vision and alignment, as we collectively work towards the Generation Equality Midpoint Moment, SDG Summit and Summit for the Future.

The day will include three segments:

- The first will explore the **role of 'care' and 'care services'** as transformative enablers of feminist cities and territories.
- The second will put a spotlight on the Generation Equality Forum's [Action Coalition on Feminist Movements and leadership](#), a diverse working group of over 20 organisations, which is co-chaired by UCLG Secretary General, Emilia Saiz, and advocates for global gender equality through increased funding, participation, leadership of diverse feminist organizations and leaders.
- The final session will explore what **feminist municipalism looks like in practice**, in different parts of the world.

AGENDA

Interpretation available in English, French and Spanish

Welcoming remarks by UCLG Secretary General, Emilia Saiz

Opening:

- **Fatimetou Abdel Malick**, Co-President of UCLG, President of Nouakchott Region, Chair of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality, President of UCLG Africa,
- **Anita Bhatia**, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

Panel 1: The transformative role of 'care' and 'care services' for feminist cities and territories

- **Rohey Malick Lowe**, Mayor of Banjul, President of the Network of Locally Elected Women of Africa (REFELA)
- **Javiera Toledo Munoz**, Mayor of Villa Alemana
- **Renata Sene**, Mayor of the city of Francisco Morato, Vice President of SDGs Partnership by National Front of Municipalities, President of the Permanent Commission of Cities Affected and Subject to Disasters by FNP
- **Aissata Camara**, Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Strategic Relationships of New York, Chief of Staff of the New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs
- **Claudia Schöning-Kalender**, Chairwoman of the SPD in Mannheim-Wallstadt, Chair of CEMR Standing Committee for Equality
- **Laura Neuman**, Senior Director, Carter Centre
- **Rosa Pavanelli**, General Secretary, Public Service International

Key policy recommendations from the Local and Regional Governments
Statement in consideration:

- **UNDERLINE** the role of local and regional governments in building caring territories that address the systemic roots of patriarchal violence against women, children and gender-diverse groups, shifting long-entrenched social patterns of inequality and discrimination through local, gender-sensitive data collection, accessible and safe design of public space and transforming gender-norms that value care, empathy and solidarity.
- **PROMOTE** new leadership and governing models, based on equity, justice, care, commoning, solidarity, empathy, proximity, and providing equitable remuneration of all work, including the valuing and recognition of care work.

Panel 2: Advancing Feminist Movements and Leadership: Bringing Generation Equality to the Local Level

Moderated by: **Allyson Humphrey**, UN Women

- **Ishani Ida Cordeiro**, Senior Advocacy Advisor, Women Enabled International
- **Xenia Kellner**, Founder, Young Feminist Europe
- **Dragana Todorovic**, Executive Director, EL*C - EuroCentralAsian Lesbian* Community
- **Sandy Schilen**, Executive Director, Huairou Commission
- **Sara Bailac**, Senator, Lleida, Spokesperson for the Committee on Social Rights, the Equality Committee and the Committee on Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda

Key policy recommendations from the Local and Regional Governments
Statement in consideration:

- **EMPHASIZE** the transformative role of the Global Feminist Municipal Movement, to conceive equitably empowered women, feminist and LGBTQIA+ leaders as an integral in our work to address challenges around wellbeing, deep-rooted structural inequalities, climate injustice, or fundamental human rights, including digital rights.
- **REAFFIRM** our commitment to the Generation Equality process and localization of the Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality, including by increasing meaningful participation and decision-making power of women and marginalized communities.
- **EMPHASIZE** that the responsibility to realize gender equitable communities is the responsibility of all people, and that different people have different, and equally important roles to play. In particular, men can no longer take a backseat in the fight for equality, while women and gender diverse groups carry this extra labor.

Panel 3: Feminist Municipalism: From the Pact for the Future to the Global Agendas

- **Emil Broberg**, Regional Councillor, Östergötland
- **Stephany Uy-Tan**, City Councilor, Catbalogan
- **Fernanda Sixel**, General coordinator, Coordination of Policies and Women's Rights (CODIM), Niterói City Hall
- **Yolande Hendler**, Secretary General, Habitat International Coalition
- **Chingyu Yao**, Director General of Secretariat of the city government, New Taipei City Government
- **Miren Elgarresta**, Director of Emakunde, Basque Institute for Women
- **Andrew Bata**, Senior Manager, Member Relations - North America, UITP

Key policy recommendations from the Local and Regional Governments
Statement in consideration:

- **DEMAND** the full and equal inclusion of women, girls and gender diverse groups in all spaces. Denounce and protect against all forms of gender-based violence, discrimination, threats and disinformation including in the online sphere, and particularly targeted at leaders and activists, and which threatens their full capacity to engage in politics and undermines the foundations of democratic and open society.
- **COMMIT** to implementing user-centred principles for the design and delivery of digital public services. The accessibility, security availability and usability of services must be guaranteed so that they can be used by all in a non-discriminatory manner.
- **ENSURE** that local service provision which is becoming increasingly digitized takes into account participatory, gender sensitive approaches, gender disaggregated data to foster the development of individual potentials for our citizens everywhere, young and old, promote ethical data standards, foster transparency and openness.

Final Reflections: From CSW67 to the Midpoint Moment and the Summit for the Future:

- **María Fernanda Espinosa**, UCLG-UBUNTU Advisor, member of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee of Generation Equality

The session will close with a reception of light snacks, refreshments and networking.