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Locally elected women: making the SDGs happen

13 March 2017, 13.30-17.30

Riverview Room, One UN Hotel, New York

At the initiative of Co-President of UCLG, President of the UCLG Committee on Gender Equality, and Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, a delegation of locally elected women will travel to New York to bring their perspectives to the 61st UN Commission on Women.

In the framework of the delegation, UCLG and UN Women are co-organizing “Locally elected women: making the SDGs happen” to highlight the relationship between two essential dimensions of the 2030 Agenda: gender equality and local and regional governments.

As well as being directly addressed by SDGs 5 and 11 (on gender equality and sustainable cities), both gender equality and local governments are integral to all 17 goals and their respective targets. Gender must be mainstreamed across the 2030 Agenda in order to ensure that all SDGs are met for women and girls, and the whole agenda must be localized so that the SDGs are adapted to the unique challenges and opportunities of each territory, whether urban or rural.

How do the issues of gender and localization relate to one another? What role are locally elected women playing in the achievement of the SDGs? How can we monitor and increase the proportion of elected women in local government at global level? This event will explore these questions with leading women mayors, councilors, and experts on gender equality at local level.

13.30-14.20: Standing Lunch offered by UCLG

14.30: Welcome

- **Celestine Ketcha Courtes**, Mayor of Bangangte, President of the REFELA
- **Cristina Gallach**, Under Secretary General of the United Nations for communication and public information (@cristinagallach)
- **Dessima Williams**, Special Adviser for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, UNGA (@dwspice)

15.00-16.15 Roundtable on localizing SDG 5

Like all of the SDGs, SDG 5 on gender equality must be achieved locally, in towns, cities and territories. This roundtable will discuss the role of local governments in eliminating discrimination and violence against women, ensuring equal economic opportunities and promoting shared responsibility for care work. It will particularly focus on the need to develop indicator 5.5.1 on the proportion of elected women in local government.

Facilitated by:

Begoña Lasagabaster, UN Women Chief of Leadership and Governance Section

Speakers:

- **Navid Hanif**, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (@navidhanifun)
- **Fatimetou Abd El Malick**, Mayor of Tevragh Zeina, Nouakchott (@ABDELMALICKf)
- **Laura Pérez**, President of Metropolis Women, Councilor for feminisms and LGTBI of Barcelona (@L_Makeba)
- **Teresa Incháustegui**, Director General, Women Institute, Mexico City (@T_Inchaustegui)
- **Åsa Elden**, Lead Policy Specialist – Gender Equality, International organisations and policy support, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- **Martha Chen**, International Coordinator of WIEGO, Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Affiliated Professor, Harvard Graduate School of Design (@WIEGOGLOBAL)

16.15-17.30 Roundtable on gender equality, SDG 11 and the New Urban Agenda

Local leaders, men and women, must play a leading role in the achievement of SDG 11: sustainable cities and human settlements, as well as in the achievement of the New Urban Agenda adopted at Habitat III. This roundtable will explore sustainable urban development from a gender perspective and showcase local policies that put women and girls at the heart of territorial sustainability.

Facilitated by:

Emilia Saiz, Deputy Secretary General of UCLG (@UCLG_Saiz)

Speakers:

- **Eugenie Birch**, co-director of the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Urban Research, President of the General Assembly of Partners (GAP)
- **Airin Rachmi Diany**, Mayor of South Tangerang (@airinrachmi)
- **Maria del Pilar Zamora Bastante**, Mayor of Ciudad Real (@pilarzamoracr)
- **Habouda Monah**, Deputy Mayor of Akjoujt
- **Beyhan Seher Aydın**, Municipal Council Member of Şişli Municipality
- **Jane Katz**, Director of International Affairs & Programs, Government Relations and Advocacy, Habitat for Humanity International (@Habitat_org)
- **Ana Moreno**, coordinator of the Habitat III Secretariat in New York (@Habitat3UN)
- **Representative of Huairou Commission** (@HuairouConnect)