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Women for sustainable development in Africa: Engaging women in the achievement of the SDGs

13 March 2017, 10:00-11:30
New York
GA Building, Conference Room 8

The major global development agendas depends on women playing a role as active agents of economic, social and environmental sustainability, and not being seen as just the passive objects of development policy. This round table, organized by the Network of Elected Women of Africa (REFELA) and UCLG, will explore the role of women in local government and civil society in the achievement of the SDGs.

The debate will touch on issues of gender violence, urban planning, political participation, care work and economic empowerment. Women mayors in Africa and Asia will share their experiences and panelists will debate strategies for communicating the SDGs and engaging women in their communities at local level.

Opening

Célestine Ketcha Courtes, Mayor of Bangangte, President of REFELA
Representative of the Government of Cameroon

Facilitator

Emilia Saiz Carracedo, Deputy Secretary General of UCLG

Speakers:

- **Fatimetou Abd El Malick**, Mayor of Teveragh Zeina, Nouakchott
- **Airin Rachmi Diany**, Mayor of South Tangerang
- **Teresa Incháustegui**, Director General, Women Institute, Mexico City
- **Marlène van Benthem**, Programme Director, Soroptimist International of Europe
- **Zoe Willingham**, Fellow, WomenNC
- **Julia Lalla-Maharajh OBE**, Chief Executive and Founder of the Orchid Project