



Empowering women and girls for caring & resilient cities and territories

March 18th, 2022 17:00-18:00 CET

(held within the context of the NGO CSW Forum)

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The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted how in times of crises, marginalised groups including girls, women and non-binary people, are disproportionately impacted, and the first to see their rights compromised. With evidence of increasing disaster risks, and climate impacts across regions and sectors, it is critical that we include a gender-sensitive approach throughout policies and actions.

The participation of women and feminist leaders in decision-making is key to enabling governance with empathy and to fostering resilience and care by responding to the diverse needs and aspirations of communities. Yet, the value of women in public life remains overlooked and challenged every day through discrimination, disinformation, violence, and social norms.

One such area in which women remain invisibilised is through the disproportionate burden of care work, both paid and unpaid. For example, while local and global agendas aim to tackle the gendered impact of migration, migrant workers are commonly further disproportionately impacted, and outdated integration policies in host countries often neglect the gendered reality and the different needs of migrant women and their cultural and religious preferences.

All people and living things have the right to care, dignity and the opportunity to thrive. At the local and territorial level, care and the provision of caring services is an essential dimension of leaving no one and no place behind and to fostering resilience in time of crisis.

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 '**Empowering women and girls for caring & resilient cities and territories**' held within the context of the NGO CSW Forum will form one of four different sessions and will bring together LRG elected and appointed officials, partners and civil society representatives, to further reflect on the role of local and regional governments in fostering care provision and resilience, taking stock of the where we stand in 2022, and how we can collaboratively work towards this common agenda for 2030 and beyond.

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:



How can the participation of a diversity of voices and genders benefit the resilience of cities and territories?



What would it imply to put care at the centre of our policy development?



What is the relationship between care, climate action and fostering resilience? What is the role of stakeholders in these objectives?

The session's voices include:

Marta Mazurek, City Councillor Poznan

Mpho Phalatse, Mayor of Johannesburg

Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul

Gissela Chalá, Vice Mayor of Quito

Elise Pereira-Nunes, Deputy Mayor of Tours

Verónica Magario, Vice Governor of Buenos Aires Province

Farida Shaheed, former UN Special Rapporteur in the field of Cultural Rights

Marianne Overton, Lead, Local Government Association UK