



SDG5 in review: the role of local and regional governments

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As the elected actors closest to the people, local and regional governments play a critical role in localising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in tangible and inclusive ways. SDG5 on Gender Equality calls for the empowerment of women and girls, to be able to thrive and be fully active agents in our societies. It is particularly pertinent as it cross-cuts all other goals, thus ensuring women and non-binary persons' equitable and active co-creation of our cities and territories is imperative to the realisation of Agenda 2030.

The pandemic has put a spotlight on women's overrepresentation in more precarious work situations, in the informal economy, and in underpaid and invisibilised care activities, such as tending to older persons, household duties, and the wellbeing of their families and communities.

Local and regional governments around the world have already shown ongoing commitment to achieving SDG5, through a suite of policies and approaches, including gender budgeting and M&E processes; adopting an intersectional gender-sensitive lens across policies, planning, and programmes; setting quotas to ensure women's participation across sectors as well as leadership roles; running educational programmes with boys and men to shift misogynistic beliefs behind gender-based violence; increasing women's and non-binary peoples' access to reproductive and sexual health rights; and creating enabling environments for childcare in the workplace; among numerous other, innovative and caring interventions.

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 **‘SDG5 in review: the role of local and regional governments’** 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 role of local and regional governments in achieving SDG5, 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 we ensure our policies take an intersectional and gender inclusive approach when localizing SDG5?



What does the care agenda add to our understandings of SDG5 and achieving Agenda 2030?

The session’s voices include:

Lucy Slack, Secretary General, CLGF

Carola Gunnarsson, Mayor of Sala, Vice-President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), Vice-President of UCLG for Europe

Analía Pérez, President of the Deliberative Council of the Municipality, Esteban Echeverria

Representative of ORU FOGAR

Ana Falú, Professor Emeritus of the National University of Córdoba, UCLG-UBUNTU Advisor

Violet Shivutse, Chair, Huairou Commission

Jennifer Piscopo, Associate Professor of Politics, Occidental College

Joanne Vanderheyden, President of FCM

Representative of UN Women

Alison Evison, President, COSLA