Fostering gender equality and climate action through sustainable urban mobility

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(Co-organized with UITP held within the context of the NGO CSW Forum)
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Sustainable mobility supported by public transport as the backbone is vital to ensuring the achievement of the global agendas and that all people and the planet are protected. Mobility and other key local public services play an important role in our daily lives and are essential to fostering social inclusion, access to opportunity, climate action and resilience.

Mobility is directly interlinked with gender equality and women’s empowerment through universal access to opportunities and services and through the important effect it can have on health and quality of life, and access to education, among others. Moreover, mobility can contribute to gender equality and social inclusion via the planning of public spaces around key mobility-related services with a significant impact to building greater resilience during periods of distress, and addressing structural inequalities, for example, affecting the rights of persons with disabilities, women and girls.

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 ‘Fostering gender equality and climate action through sustainable urban mobility’ co-organized with UITP and held within the context of the NGO CSW Forum 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 and sustainable urban mobility in achieving SDG5, taking stock of the where we stand in 2022, and how we can collaboratively work towards this common agenda towards 2030 and beyond.
The session will be organized as an interactive dialogue. Interventions will be max 3 minutes each to allow for interactive discussions around the following topics:

- How can sustainable urban mobility contribute to gender equality and social inclusion?
- In line with IWD motto, Gender equality for climate action, what does a women perspective bring to the fight against climate change and in the decarbonization process?
- In the context of this year’s High-Level Political Forum, where UCLG and UITP will collaborate again, what are the policy areas related to mobility that will need more attention to ensure SDG5 can be achieved inclusively?

The session’s voices include:

- Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG
- Mohamed Mezghani, Secretary General, UITP
- Carolina Cosse, Mayor of Montevideo
- Karla González, Director of Transport, World Bank office in Europe
- Laura Ziliani, Advisor to the Director of Strategic Planning, Buenos Aires
- Maite Rodriguez Blandon, La Red Mujer y Hábitat ALC / Huairou commission
- Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, Chair of AGGI - advisory group on gender
- Laura Shoaf, CEO, West Midlands Combined Authority
- Imen Ouardani, Vice-Mayor of Sousse