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CSW68 Local and Regional Governments' Day

Empowering Women to Empower Communities: Local Economies of Equality and Care

14 March, 14:30-18:00

Riverview Room, UN One Plaza Millennium Hilton Hotel

Despite representing over half the world's population, **women and girls continue to be one of the populations most exposed to discrimination and violence of all forms**, and disproportionately feel the impacts of rising global inequalities, climate emergencies and conflict. **Inclusive public service provision and gender-sensitive policy making are crucial for effectively tackling inequalities and discrimination, and are a precondition for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.**

As governments closest to the people, cities and regions commit to guaranteeing all peoples' rights and promote local economies of care and equality, through the provision of social protection systems and services like housing, healthcare, water, sanitation, food sovereignty, culture and education. **Thus our equality-driven organized constituency of local and regional governments is driving SDG localization, and in particular gender equality**, through the re-valuing and **redistribution of care responsibilities**, including across public institutions.

Care is key to building a new social contract rooted in feminist politics. Caring cities and territories address **poverty not solely as an economic issue**, but rather a multidimensional challenge that is articulated along the lines of race, class, gender, ability and other social markers of identity. **The Global Feminist Municipalist Movement** not only aims at empowering women in local political life, but also at sparking changes in how we lead, and who we care for; it is about creating a new type of society, wherein local and regional governments can guarantee **participatory policy-making and inclusive local public care and social protection systems.**

As such, **women and feminist local leaders** must be empowered through multi-stakeholder collaboration and **increased financing towards local and regional governments**, alongside an increased say in decision-making mechanisms at the national and international levels.

In the context of the **68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**, this 2024 CSW Local and Regional Governments' Day event will foster a space in which local and regional governments, civil society, and key partners will come together, to build upon **shared priorities to localize the global agendas**, and catalyze commitments to action: for **financing inclusive, gender-sensitive and equitable local care systems and public services** that ensure **women, girls and people can thrive**, and that no one and no place is left behind. The event is also held within the



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framework of the Global Democracy Coalition's Partners for Democracy Day, to provide a platform for local and regional governments, civil society, and other actors sector to make their voices heard in the Summit for Democracy discussions and the global democracy debate.

Agenda

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Interpretation: English, Spanish, French

Opening

1. **Fatimetou Abdel Malick**, President of Nouakchott Region, Chair of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Co-President of UCLG

Discussants

2. **Ana Falú**, UCLG UBUNTU Advisor, Professor Emeritus of the National University of Córdoba
3. **Leire Pajin**, President of REDS (Spanish Chapter of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network-UNSDSN), President of the EU-LAC Foundation
4. **Lotta Tähtinen**, Chief of Outreach and Partnerships, Division for SDGs at United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
5. **Tulia Ackson**, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Speaker of the Tanzania Parliament

Banjul Video

Interactive Dialogue 1: Local Care and Social Protection Systems: Towards a New Social Contract

6. **Rohey Malick Lowe**, Mayor of Banjul, President of REFELA, Member of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality
7. **Emil Broberg**, Councillor of Östergötland Region, Member of the SALAR Board of Directors, Member of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality
8. **Ledy Laura Muñoz**, Mayor of Bolívar
9. **Hamzeh Zghoul**, Mayor of the Greater Ajloun Municipality
10. **Anne Waiguru**, Governor Kirinyaga County and Chairperson Council of Governors
11. **Marcela Aguiñaga**, Prefect of Guayas

Break



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Interactive Dialogue 2: The Interlinkages Between Poverty Reduction and Access to Health

12. **Elizeu Chaves**, Executive Coordinator of ICPD30, UNFPA
13. **Gulsara Kuldasheva**, Osh City Council
14. **Violet Shivutse**, Governing Council Chair, Huairou Commission
15. **Raquel Gil Eiroa**, Councillor for Economic Promotion, Labor, Feminism and Democratic Memory, Barcelona
16. **Hanan Kaoud**, Councillor, Ramallah
17. **Samantha Tai**, Councilor of New Taipei City

Interactive Dialogue 3: Collaborations to resource and empower feminist local leadership

18. **Tania Verge**, Minister for Equality and Feminisms, Generalitat de Catalunya
19. **Peter Anyang' Nyong'o**, Governor of Kisumu County
20. **Representative of the Women's Major Group**
21. **Carola Gunnarson**, Councillor of Sala, UCLG Special Envoy for Freedom and Solidarity and Combating Violence, and UCLG Vice-President for Europe
22. **Miren Elgarresta**, Director of Emakunde, Basque Institute for Women
23. **Representative of International IDEA**

Closing Remarks

24. **Maria Fernanda Espinosa**, UCLG UBUNTU Advisor, CEO of GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion
25. **Nadine Gasman**, President of the National Women's Institute (INMUJERES) of Mexico