



## NETWORKING EVENT - No 12-10

### GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN EVERYDAY LIFE SPACES FOR THE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF CITIES- GENDER CRITERIA FOR HOUSING DESIGN AND PUBLIC POLICIES

Multipurpose, Room 12

8th November 2024, 13:00-14:30 pm

An inclusive and sustainable urban future in our cities is possible when all people can fully enjoy the right to housing which is a human right and not just a key factor in the quality of human life: without a roof over their heads, people are deprived of any form of human dignity.

Millions of people around the world live in conditions that are dangerous to life or health, in overcrowded slums and informal settlements, or in other conditions that do not respect their human rights and dignity. Millions more every year suffer or are threatened with forced eviction from their homes. The numbers say that the majority of these people are women.

Numerous international conferences, declarations and plans of action have also contributed to clarify various aspects of the right to adequate housing and have reaffirmed the obligation of States to implement it. SDG 11 of the 2030 Agenda calls for specific targets: to ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and to promote inclusive and sustainable urbanization. The same SDG 5, which affirms gender equality as a fundamental human right, has among its targets safer access to land and adequate and affordable housing for women. The New Urban Agenda, also, assumes gender commitments, guaranteeing the full participation of women and girls and equal rights in cities. It recognizes the gap between women's contribution to cities and the benefits they obtain, in terms of representation in urban governance, access to decent work and basic services, housing and public spaces, and stresses the importance of addressing gender inequalities throughout the urban management and development process (paragraphs 5 and 13). In this sense, it is necessary to promote housing policies that respond to the specific affordability needs of different groups of women, through a variety of context-specific, gender-sensitive measures and security of land tenure and inheritance rights that ensure adequate housing for women in different family and marital status situations. In order for this to be translated into concrete actions, it is essential to incorporate the gender perspective in housing policies to identify needs and solutions.

The proposed event will examine the issue of housing, which is important for the future of cities, through its design and integration into urban planning. In particular, it approaches housing design from a gender perspective, providing a series of recommendations for integrating all those aspects of residential architecture in our cities that are relevant to equity, inclusion and sustainability.

#### Objectives

- To approach housing design from a gender perspective, providing a set of recommendations and suggestions for the integration of relevant aspects in residential architecture.
- Insert a series of actions to raise awareness on the integration of the gender perspective in housing, the city, the territory and mobility in order to promote social inclusion in living spaces.
- Contribute to gender equality through the active participation of women and gender mainstreaming policies in urban spaces and urban planning.

#### Purpose and relevance of the event

This event discusses, shares, and disseminates knowledge on a key issue for the sustainable future of cities: the gender criteria in housing design and in spaces for daily life.

Housing and residential environments are spaces of particular relevance from a gender perspective. It is within the home and its immediate urban environment where most of the activities that the scientific literature on gender calls "care" take place or should be able to take place. These activities are essential for the functioning of society as a whole. In fact, one of the main contributions of the gender perspective in reference to the design of housing and its immediate environment is to offer guidelines on how to better accommodate care and how, through spatial design, we can support this set of activities. But the importance of the gender perspective in residential architecture is not limited to care activities, it affects other issues such as the concept of security, the requirements for mitigation and adaptation to climate change, the criteria for universal accessibility, the values of residential equity, technology transfer and innovation, and the full enjoyment of human rights.

The gender perspective is a tool for innovation in architecture. It helps to design residential environments capable of responding to the daily needs of all types of people, homes and lifestyles. The event addresses housing design and policies from a gender perspective with the presentation of good practices and examples in Europe, also through the work carried out by the UNESCO Chair of Gender and Equality Policies of the Polytechnic University of Madrid.



The set of recommendations that will emerge from the debate on the topic of housing, including the values of addressing gender perspectives, can have a significant impact on many aspects of our future:

- to promote technological transfer and technical and social innovation in relevant aspects of public policies for residential architecture.
- to provide the world with professional guidelines and suggestions for integrating the gender dimensions and the values of residential equity in their work.
- to encourage and support the participation of women and young in design processes, to give visibility and answers to their needs for housing and daily life.
- to introduce gender perspectives in urban processes, as these refer to building projects, in order to meet these objectives in affordable housing projects.
- to identify a checklist of actions, strategies, policies, and criteria to encourage projects, materials and technical solutions in residential construction that facilitate energy saving and the daily life of all people living in cities, in particular women and young .

### 13.00 – 13.20 - **OPENING & INTRODUCTION**

#### *Welcome:*

- **Marina Albanese**, Director of interdepartmental center LUPT "Raffaele D'Ambrosio" and Professor of Economic Policy, Federico II University of Naples, ITALY

#### *Opening Remarks:*

- **Claudio Barbaro**, Undersecretary of State for the Environment of the Italian Government

#### *Introduction:*

- **Teresa Boccia**-, Chair Urbanima-LUPT, Federico II University of Naples, AGGI -UNH member, Co-chair Women Group - GAP, Honorary President of AFEM (Association Femmes Europe Méridionale), Italy

### 13.20 – 14.30 **GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN EVERYDAY LIFE SPACES FOR THE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF CITIES: - GENDER CRITERIA FOR HOUSING DESIGN AND PUBLIC POLICIES**

#### *Moderator:*

- **Jakub Świerzawski**, Dean of Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Applied Arts. Construction and Applied Arts, University of Technology in Katowice, POLAND

#### *Panelists:*

- **Ines Sanchez De Madariaga**, Professor of Urban Planning, Women's New European Bauhaus (WNEB) and UNESCO Chair on Gender equality, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, AGGI-UNHabitat chair, GAP vice-President, SPAIN
- **Ana Falu**, Executive Director and co-founder of CISCESA Ciudades Feministas, director, Maestría de Gestión y Desarrollo Habitacional, AGGI -UNH member, ARGENTINA
- **Nadia Bakhurji**, The founder and Design Principal at NBA Architecture & Interior Design Services, SAUDI ARABIA
- **Carina Arvizu Machado**, Architect and urban policy specialist | Humphrey SPURS Fellow at MIT | Former Under Secretary of Urban Development and Housing of Mexico. MEXICO
- **Ann Wanjiru Mbutia**, MLAHRA (Mathare Legal Aid and Human Rights Advocacy) Huairou Commission Africa, KENYA
- **Mona Rady**, Chairpeson of the Habitat Professional Forum, EGYPT
- **Maria Cristina Pisani**, President of the Italian National Youth Council - **Federica Celestini Campanari**, Special Commissioner Italian Agency of Youth, ITALY

#### *Closing Remarks*

- **Michal Mlynárm**, Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat,

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**Other Organizations involved:** AGGI (Advisory Group of Gender Issues)UN-Habitat, Women's Partner Constituency Group of GAP (General Assembly Of Partners), USA, HUIROU COMMISSION, USA, CISCESA Ciudades Feministas, ARGENTINA, MIRA MUJERES IBEROAMERICANAS EN RED/BUFETE DE ESTUDIOS INTERDISCIPLINARIOS AC, MEXICO, AFEM, Association des Femmes de l'Europe Méridionale, FRANCE.