

WOMEN AND LOCAL POLITICS:
TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AGENDA



WOMEN

FROM HERE AND THERE



CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE SEMINAR

Women and Local Politics: towards a sustainable development agenda

Wednesday 28 April 2021. 12 hours GMT+2

LANGUAGES: ES-FR-EN-PT

Concept note

There is no denying that women have made great strides in politics and participation, as well as in building local policies that make our cities and towns places where people live better, fairer and more sustainable lives.

But it is also true that we still have visible and invisible barriers to break down. These include women's access to senior public office and in particular their election as mayors, and equal access to resources.

The first female mayor was Susanna Madora Salter. She held that position in Argonia, Kansas, USA in 1887. Since then, women all over the world, especially since the 1970s, have been elected as mayors, although are still far (below 25%) from representing the actual percentage of the female population, more than half, in these positions. There are still often prejudices and stereotypes about women's leadership and their ability to manage bureaucracy and a large budget, which are untrue.

We know and can speak of female and feminist leaders that have led to more transparent political management that is closer to the citizens, fairer budgets and more ambitious environmental policies in female hands. There are Economic Development experiences that have taken an equality-based approach, including the gender perspective, which have obtained noteworthy results, improving the quality of life of many women and significantly reducing inequality indexes.

At the moment, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has hit economies at all levels, although it is most felt at the local political and living level. The slowdown in economic growth and unemployment has generated more poverty, which clearly shows its worst face for women.

The effects of COVID-19 have exposed major deficiencies in care policies and systems and highlighted how the functioning of the economic and social system rests largely on the shoulders and unacknowledged work of women, who have also been at the forefront of the response to the pandemic.

Now more than ever we need to meet, talk and discuss from a personal and political point of view, to build and learn from other experiences. In short, strengthening alliances between women in the different regions and these regions themselves. To work together to make our towns and cities better places to live, for all people, without compromising the future of our planet, leaving no one behind anywhere.



This "INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON WOMEN AND LOCAL POLITICS. Towards a sustainable development agenda", organised by Famsi, offers a space for meeting, sharing and dialogue on the role of women in local politics, participation and the development of inclusive and sustainable policies.

It also contributes in its second part to promoting reflection and dialogue on the incorporation of the Gender approach in Local Economic Development, as a preparatory activity in the framework of the V World Forum on Local Economic Development that will take place between 26 May and 1 June 2021. This edition of the global event will be held in virtual format with the city of Córdoba, Argentina as host and will be titled "**Transition to a sustainable future: the role of territories in times of uncertainty**".

PROGRAMME

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STREAMING TRANSMISSION

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/KIFqArEorTQ>

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yvdC6KF6S0K4Ujgre6pdkQ

Sessions

12:00 - 12:15h	INTRODUCTION	FAMSI	
	OPENING SESSION	Ms Francisca Medina Teba Vice-president of FAMSI. Vice-president of the Jaen Provincial Council.	
		Ms Emilia Saiz Secretary General UCLG	
		Ms María Eugenia Limón Bravo President of the Huelva Provincial Council	
12:15-12:35h	OPENING CONFERENCE	<i>"Women and political spaces of responsibility generation of equality". Facilitated by Mónica Montaña, journalist.</i>	Ms Ken Bugul (Mariètou Mbaye Biléoma). Senegalese writer and activist.
12:35-13:15h	SESSION 1. Dialogues "WOMEN AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION. WE SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE".	<i>Dialogue on women's political participation and the equality approach in politics. Facilitated by Monica Montaña, teacher and activist. 2 rounds of interventions</i>	-Ms Laura Pichardo. Mayor of Niebla. Huelva. -Ms Leida Helena Maurício dos Santos President of the Municipal Assembly of Ribeira Grande de Santo Antão. Vice-President of the Directive Council of the ANMCV. -Ms Aliya Menkouss. Mayor of Legrane. First Vice President of the Association of Municipalities of Mauritania.

			-Ms Fatima El Hassani. President of the Region of Tangiers-Tetouan.
DEBATE/INTERVENTIONS			
13:15-14:00h	SESSION 2. Experiences "ACTIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE".	<i>Life-changing</i> <i>experiences. Viewing of</i> <i>videos of Andalusian and</i> <i>African experiences.</i> <i>Discussion with the</i> <i>participants of the</i> <i>experiences.</i>	- Programme " Entre Vecinas". Municipal Women's Information Centre. Moguer City Council, Andalusia. - Women's empowerment and participation programme. El Avio. El Despertar Women's Federation. Association Campo de Gibraltar. Jimena de la Frontera. Andalusia. -Cape Verde. Common Gender Agenda: Women leaders for the 2030 Agenda. Government of Cape Verde, Municipal Chambers, UNDP and Civil Society. -Centre for the dynamisation of the economic fabric in Chefchaouen (CDTE) Chaouen. Morocco. -The production and commercialisation of roses by women in the village of Snada. Al Hoceima. Morocco. - Sokhna Adama Aissé Women's Mutual Savings and Loan Society of Podor, Senegal.

14:00-14:10 BREAK



PART TWO

Preparatory Webinar Series for the 5th World Forum on Local Economic Development

Colloquium talk: Local Economic Development with a gender perspective: dialogues for sustainable and inclusive recovery.

The World Forum for Local Economic Development is a process of reflection and joint, multilateral work, initiated over a decade ago, with the aim of offering alternatives and keys from the territories, to advance towards sustainable and inclusive formulas for development. It is co-organised by an International Committee composed of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the United Regions Organisation (ORU-FOGAR), the Andalusian Municipalities Fund for International Solidarity (FAMSI), SEBRAE, and the Government of Cape Verde and Turin.

This preparatory webinar, organised by FAMSI, as co-chair of the UCLG Committee on Local Economic and Social Development, will contribute to the incorporation of the analysis of gender relations in the field of territorial development in cross-cutting fashion in the different spaces of this world forum.

Summary of the session:

A colloquium will be held around a keynote speech from a recognised expert in the field. After this initial presentation on the inescapable aspects for advancing towards an equitable and sustainable recovery, the practical implications for local policies and strategies for the effective inclusion of fundamental keys to resilience, equality and sustainability will be analysed.

1. Conceptualisation of the session

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has hit economies at all levels, although it is most felt at local political level and in terms of living standards. We are witnessing a context characterised by low or no economic growth and an increase in poverty and inequalities, expected to have a direct effect (more than ever) on women and their economic autonomy.

The effects of COVID-19 have exposed major deficiencies in care policies and systems and highlighted how the functioning of the economic and social system rests largely on the shoulders and unacknowledged work of women, who have also been at the forefront of the response to the pandemic.

It is time to take a gender perspective on policies for the recovery and reactivation of the economy, so they incorporate gender criteria in the strategic selection of sectors, stimulus and incentive packages, the incorporation of the care economy, from the perspective of social co-responsibility and all the structural measures that contribute to reducing the social and gender gap in our territories and compensate for the effects of the crisis.

2. Goal of the session

To analyse gender relations in the specific field of territorial development, paying special attention to the sexual division of labour and the sustainability of life, as essential elements for having cities and territories that are kinder to people and the planet.

Through the colloquium, the keys to tackling economic recovery and territorial development while ensuring equality and sustainability will be highlighted. In practice, the formulas for resilience in inclusive, egalitarian and sustainable LED will play a central role in strategic territorial planning and LED policies: collaboration, participation, proximity, transparency, economy of care and factors that make life a pivotal factor. These processes are also part of the result.

The session will allow the sharing of experiences and daily resistance of local development which, in crisis environments, have been satisfactory alternatives as forms of collective organisation of subsistence, of producing and reproducing life and the added value of transferring these formulas to strategic territorial planning.

3. Main points of the debate

- Economic organisation
- Economic support for unpaid work
- The care economy
- People-centred strategic planning
- Economy of proximity
- Gender gaps and the citizenship gap. Access to public resources and services

4. Structure of the session

Colloquium talk: Local Economic Development with a Gender Perspective: Dialogues for a Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery			
Moderation of the session: UCLG Committee on Local Economic and Social Development - FAMSÍ			
14:10 - 14:20 GMT+2	Presentation of the 5th World LED Forum	Presentation and greetings from Cordoba Argentina (National Committee) and Brussels (UNDP-International Committee)	- Javier Basanta Chao, 1st Vice-President ADEC - Johannes Krassnitzer, ART International Coordinator, UNDP.

<p>14:20 - 14:35 GMT+2</p>	<p>Talk. "LED from a Gender Perspective" Inescapable aspects to advance democracy and sustainability.</p>	<p>Gender relations in the field of territorial development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deepening gender inequality and restricting women's autonomy - The social and gender co-responsibility of caring - New territorial responses to new demands 	<p>Ms Olga Segovia, Women and Habitat Network of Latin America and the Caribbean, SUR Corporation Chile.</p>
<p>14:35 - 15:15 GMT+2</p>	<p>Colloquium: practical implications of an inclusive and democratically egalitarian development strategy.</p>	<p>Keys to tackling economic recovery and territorial development while ensuring equality and sustainability.</p>	<p>-Moderated by Ms M^a Luz Ortega, Director of the Andalusian Agency for International Development Cooperation of the Regional Government of Andalusia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Bev Esslinger, Councillor of Edmonton Canada, Member of the Standing Committee on International Relations of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Co-chair of the UCLG LESD Committee. - Ms Rasmata Compaoré, Mayor of Section 12 Ouagadougou and President of the women's group of the Association of Municipalities of Burkina Faso (AMBF). - Ms Sawsan Istephan, councillor for the city of Beit Jala and member of the UCLG-MEWA Gender Committee. - Ms Laurence Kwark, Secretary General of the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF).
<p>15:15 - 15:30 GMT+2</p>	<p>Conclusions</p>		<p>Closing remarks</p>