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SIDE EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	ActionAid
City and country where the lead organization is based	Johannesburg, South Africa
Title of the event	Promoting Gender Responsive Services And Spaces Towards Inclusive And Safe Cities
Date	10/19/2016
Room number	r18
List of partner organizations	Huairou Commission, Public Services International, Red Mujer y Habitat, REDEH ☒ Rede de Desenvolvimento Humano, UCLG, WIEGO, Women in Cities International, Women Constituency Group from GAP
Number of attendees	More than 101
Percentage of women participating	61-70%



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<p>Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).</p>	<p>This event illustrated the direct connection between public services, public spaces and gender, looking into the problems of unsafety and in women’s access to their right to the city. And it recommended actions and measures to have an effective gender responsive urban agenda for the next 20 years, with sustainable and safe cities. The following issues were developed in the event: DELIVER UNIVERSAL, EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE, GENDER RESPONSIVE PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, recognizing them as central to gender equality and guaranteeing women’s right to the city –including in ending violence against women in public and urban spaces. All decision-making on service delivery and urban planning –including policy making, and financing must include civil society, especially women’s participation and ownership as full and equal citizens. And the need to address all barriers to equitable access to quality gender responsive public services, including the privatization of public services, which not only cause further social exclusion but also increase the care burden on women in sustaining their families and households. ARE ACCESSIBLE, SAFE, CULTURALLY DIVERSE, BROADLY OPEN TO SOCIAL INTERACTION, POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND SOCIOCULTURAL MANIFESTATIONS. This should be specified between the commitments and forms of execution of it. It is important, mainly, to overcome the notion that confuses public spaces with property owned and managed by the State, advancing to the idea of public spaces as common goods, also with the possibility of social and collective management. Public spaces can play an important role in the promotion of popular and solidary economies, with commitments of non-discrimination of informal workers, whether they are national or immigrants. In the same sense, there should be a bigger deepening in the political and cultural dimension of the use of public spaces, making sure there is no repression or criminalization of the multiple expressions of citizenship.</p>
<p>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed</p>	<p>This event was held as a high level discussion panel that highlighted outcomes and results from projects and campaigns that different organizations, movements and networks are working with, and it was followed by an open discussion over the need to promote a gender responsive public services and spaces to have an effective new urban agenda.</p>



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<p>Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.</p>	<p>DELIVER UNIVERSAL, EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE, GENDER RESPONSIVE PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, recognizing them as central to gender equality and guaranteeing women’s right to the city –including in ending violence against women in public and urban spaces. All decision-making on service delivery and urban planning –including policy making, and financing must include civil society, especially women’s participation and ownership as full and equal citizens. And the need to address all barriers to equitable access to quality gender responsive public services, including the privatization of public services, which not only cause further social exclusion but also increase the care burden on women in sustaining their families and households. ARE ACCESSIBLE, SAFE, CULTURALLY DIVERSE, BROADLY OPEN TO SOCIAL INTERACTION, POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND SOCIOCULTURAL MANIFESTATIONS. This should be specified between the commitments and forms of execution of it. It is important, mainly, to overcome the notion that confuses public spaces with property owned and managed by the State, advancing to the idea of public spaces as common goods, also with the possibility of social and collective management. Public spaces can play an important role in the promotion of popular and solidary economies, with commitments of non-discrimination of informal workers, whether they are national or immigrants. In the same sense, there should be a bigger deepening in the political and cultural dimension of the use of public spaces, making sure there is no repression or criminalization of the multiple expressions of citizenship.</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Ana Falu, Argentinian – Nucleo de Genero - CISCSA / AFM - Red Mujer y Habitat</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Kathryn Travers, Executive Director of Women in Cities International (WICI)</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Agnes Midi, ActionAid, Kenyan, International Project Manager</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Schuma Schumacher, coordinator of REDEH - REDE DE DESENVOLVIMENTO HUMANO</p>



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<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Sonia Dias: Waste specialist for Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing -WIEGO</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 6th speaker at your event.</p>	<p>two women recyclers: Ivaneide Souza from Redesol Brazil and Laura Guanarosa from Renarec Ecuador.</p>
<p>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 7th speaker at your event.</p>	<p>Veronica Montufar - Public Services International</p>
<p>Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?</p>	<p>The issue of gender responsive public services and spaces will continue to be worked among the organizations and movements. This means that the discussions will happen at the local level with communities and the outcomes will be shared to strengthen a position and a work on the topic.</p>