



Open-ended Informal Consultative Meeting
Follow-up and review of the New Urban Agenda
Katia Araujo, Huairou Commission
Women's Partners Constituent Group of GAP
29 April 2016

Good afternoon Chair and distinguished delegates. Thanks for **inviting** us to take the floor. We appreciate this open dialogue. I am Katia Araujo, Director of Programs with the Huairou Commission and I am here speaking on behalf of the Women's Partners Constituent Group of General Assembly of Partners.

As more than half of the population, rights-holders and stakeholders in the implementation of the NUA, we want to ensure the role of all women and women's organizations in particular grassroots women and community based organizations are recognized and integrated into the MoI and monitoring mechanisms of the NUA.

For this we would like to build on the following principles:

- Ensure a gender-responsive approach of all actions of the New Urban Agenda;
- Recognize the need for urgent and prioritized action which responds to the need of empowering countries, communities and populations in vulnerable conditions;
- Sex and gender disaggregated data and analysis of the underlying causes of any gender disparities must be mainstreamed in all information, communication and reporting systems;

For us the MoI is of critical importance, The New Urban Agenda must ensure that gender equality, equal access to decision making, and benefit sharing are integrated into all its provisions, including through gender-responsive means of implementation;

This can be possible only by establishing an enabling environment that is not permissive, but IMPERATIVE, and to create an institutional culture that realizes all women's rights to meaningful participation in decision-making.

1. Capacity Building and participation

- Ensure that capacity building efforts are carefully designed with a gendered lens of analysis for the initiatives to be effective with special attention to the integration of women's empowerment framework. Capacity building should be guided by an effective, coordinated, continuous, transparent, progressive and iterative process that is participatory, country demand driven and gender responsive with a long term vision for sustainable development;
- Ensure that all capacity building initiatives are inclusive and equitable so that both women and men can access and benefit from the initiatives;

2. Finance

- Ensure adequate, new, additional and predictable finance for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Also, all finance commitments should be quantified, measurable, reportable and verifiable.
- Prioritize financing small-scale, technologically appropriate and locally driven projects with direct multiple social, economic and environmental benefits that allow for recognition of traditional knowledge and the active participation of all women at all levels.
- Prioritize a country driven approach that allows for direct access and provides readiness support in recipient countries, particularly for enhancing the capacity of civil society to monitor and report on the transparency and inclusiveness of climate finance, and hold to account their own governments as well as contributing countries and the international community.



3. Technology development and transfer

- In order to facilitate women's engagement in particular women living in poverty, it is necessary that technology transfer and development ensure greater skill-sharing and knowledge opportunities for all women. It also demands greater recognition and integration of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of women in urban development actions and policies.
- Ensure safe, appropriate, environmentally and socially sound technologies;

4. Monitoring

We would like to propose a multi-stakeholder monitoring mechanism that would complement the member states arrangements for monitoring the New Urban Agenda, and would be integrated with the local implementation of the SDGs including support of a local action framework **which stakeholders subscribe AND has at its core a rather uncompromising set of performance indicators. In this sense, each indicator accounting for grassroots women's livelihoods, security of tenure, women's asset base, and others of the nature.**

- It would focus on participatory data collection for both qualitative and quantitative indicators, particularly those that are not included in the 'formal' UN monitoring frameworks, such as gender and age responsive and geographic and other indicators.
- Many of these elements are included in the GAP Outcome Document - Partnerships for the New Urban Agenda - which we will share with the Bureau, Member States and the HIII secretariat next week. We urge you to give them your utmost attention in order to ensure that the New Urban Agenda and its implementation truly realizes women's rights to meaningful participation in particular grassroots women.

Thank you for your attention.