**CALENDAR OF UN WOMEN LED EVENTS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF HABITAT III CONFERENCE**

Quito, 13 October 2016- The integration of a gender perspective in the New Urban Agenda that will be developed in the Habitat III Conference is essential for building safe and inclusive cities where men and women can enjoy cities equally. During the Habitat III conference several public events will be held where the importance of the contribution of women in urban settlements will be addressed.

* **15 October, from 9:00 to 17 30 in “Agora” auditory in Casa de La Cultura: Women´s Assembly**

A dynamic event that among other actors brings together several women's groups to discuss how to implement and strengthen gender equality in development strategies and policies at regional, national and local levels. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, Aisa Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director of UN Habitat and Maite Rodriguez, Co Director of the Huairou Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will be part of this special panel.

* **15 October 2016, from 18:00 to 19:30, Mariscal, Exploratory walk**

A safety audit or exploratory walk through Mariscal neighborhood in order to both identify the areas that could potentially be dangerous for women and girls and to develop a strategy to prevent incidences of violence against women and girls. The exploratory walk starts at 6 PM outside “Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana¨” and will end at 7 30 PM at the intersection of the streets *9 de Octubre and Carrion.*

* **17 October from 18:30 to 20:00, in the Pavilion of Ecuador, Room Jose Mejia Lequerica in the National Assembly: Gender: Fundamental Element in Building Inclusive Cities "**

Conference with Saskia Sassen, Specialist in Urban Affairs, Professor of Sociology at the University of Chicago and Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics, UK. Awarded with the Princess of Asturias Awards for Social Sciences for her contributions in globalization and urban sociology.

* **October 18, from 10:00 to 11:30, at the United Nations Pavilion, room B: side event called “Sustainable and Safe cities"**

This event will consist of two parts- an interactive dialogue and the presentation of CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) recommendations. In the latter, progress will be presented related to CEDAW recommendations in Ecuador.

Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Luis Tejada, Director of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID), Spain, and Magalys Arrocha, Expert of CEDAW committee will attend this meeting.