The 2nd World Women Leadership Workshop

Hotel Cidade De Goa (India), 4 March 2020

Mainstreaming Gender Perspective in Local Governance

I. INTRODUCTION

Agenda 2030 has clearly emphasised the importance of women inclusivity in the achievement of sustainable urban development. The idea is clearly stated in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5, specifically target 5.5 mentioning "Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life."

Agreed by member states of the UN on 25 September 2015, the SDGs, however, records slow progress in women leadership position. Global data shows that women's participation in single or lower houses of national parliaments has shown increase, from 19% in 2010 to only around 23% in 2018.

In relation to women representation in local governance, local governments are on the spotlight that is expected to come up with transformation. Development of local budget that incorporates gender perspective, more participation of women in local governance and decision-making process are some examples of expected transformation among many others. On the other hand, there are also funding organisations and civil society organisations pursuing for similar vision, namely inclusion of gender perspective in decision-making processes. Some of these organisations have been advanced in adopting action plans that aim to provide tangible improvements in female representation and gender mainstreaming in local governance. They bring strategies and methodologies to address many common barriers which halt female participation into political sphere and exclude them from decision making process.

With this background, the 2nd World Women Leadership Workshop endeavours to equip women leaders in local governments and those who have a strong commitment to advance gender equality, acquaintances with more knowledge and skill sets to develop opportunities and effectively influence attitudes and behaviours within their space.

Following the first women leadership workshop organised by United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) and All India Institute of Self-Local Government (AIILSG) in 2018 focusing on women leadership, this second workshop seeks inputs from politicians, experts, practitioners, and researchers on the localisation of SDGs, particularly on Goal 5, into local planning. This workshop will also discuss methodologies and strategies to help gender mainstreaming in local governance. The programme will specifically lead to women's political empowerment, opening more opportunities, and eliminating multi-faceted problem of gender inequality. It will build leadership capacities further in tackling challenges by optimising existing tools and resources and ensuring the application of gender mainstreaming in providing solutions.

The knowledge and skills acquired through the program can be used to better inform policies and programmes that mainstream gender equality.

II. OBJECTIVES

a) To develop approaches and strategies from existing instruments towards a process that results in fully mainstreaming gender equality in local government decision making process.
b) To promote good practices, programmes and structures, and identify mechanisms that help advance effective participation of women in decision-making.
c) To build and strengthen capacity of women leaders and to continuously participate in governance.

III. TARGET AUDIENCE, DATE, VENUE

The workshop is geared primarily towards newly elected/assigned officers in local government that have a commitment to gender equality, but also open to those from key agencies that can accelerate progress of gender equality (ex. planning, gender and development, finance, children and youth, etc.) It is designed for those with decision-making / policy-making / technical (ex. program officers) roles and responsibilities, and with functions to provide guidance to their offices.

The 2nd World Women Leadership Programme will be held on ***4th March (Wednesday) at the Hotel Cidade De Goa,*** conducted back-to-back with the ***5th South Asian Cities Summit on 5th and 6th March 2020.***

IV. ORGANISERS

About United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)

UCLG ASPAC is the united voice of local self-governments in Asia-Pacific region. We promote and stimulate cooperation between governments and within the wider international communities in the region. Our scope of works range from advocacy, capacity building and training, research and knowledge management, project development and management to decentralised cooperation. UCLG ASPAC is one of the Regional Sections of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), a worldwide association, and the only local government organisation recognised by the United Nations. UCLG ASPAC is UCLG's biggest regional sections with linkages to more than 7,000 Local Governments, representing over 3.76 billion people (more than half of world population).

About All India Institute for Local Self-Government (AIILSG)

AIILSG is working in the field of Education, Training Research, Advocacy Events, Consultancy, Seminars and Training Workshops. It has been working with renewed emphasis to empower local bodies to usher in good local governance, across India. AIILSG has vision to empower local bodies and other stakeholders to deliver to each citizen her/his rights to health, education, safety, participation and development through excellent governance and service delivery. AIILSG also supports and enhances local governance and development by hand holding local bodies and other stakeholders in achieving excellence in local service delivery and wider global and national development goals.

V. TENTATIVE AGENDA

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09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:00 **Inauguration Session**
- Welcome Address
- Lighting of Lamp
- Special Address
- Theme Address
- Guest of Honours
- Chief of Guest Address
- Vote of Thanks

11:00 – 11:15 Networking Tea Break

11:15 – 11:45 **Session 1: Understanding Linkages between SDGs and Local Planning**
Particularly in Pursuing Goal 5 in the Localisation Efforts
(Format: presentation 1-2 speakers)

11:45 – 12:30 **Session 2: South Asian Perspectives: Challenges and Opportunities of Incorporating Gender Perspective in Local Governance and Urban Planning**
(Format: 1-2 speakers' presentation)
**) continued with Round Table Discussion and Group Presentation*

12:30 – 13:15 **Working Group Discussion and Presentation**
(Participants of each group reflect on challenges and opportunities in their respective cities)

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 **Session 3: Methodologies and Strategies to Promote Gender Mainstreaming (Organisational Experience)**
(Format: 1-2 speakers' presentation)

15:00 – 16:00 **Session 4: Gender Budgeting**
(Format: speaker presentation continued with Round Table Discussion)

16:00 – 16:15 Networking Tea Break

16:15 – 16:45 **Working Group Discussion and Presentation**
(Participants of each group identify potential solutions to tackle challenges they stated before by using methodologies/strategies and mainstreaming gender balance perspective, including gender budgeting)

16:45 – 17:15 **Session 5: Closing Ceremony**
- Signing the Declaration Awarding of Certificates
- Closing Remarks
- Official Photo