



Celebration of International Women's Day & the 10th Anniversary of REFELA

Online Capacity Building Workshop organized by:

**United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Africa)
In partnership and with the support of the International Centre
for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels
Under the Auspices of UNESCO**

Theme of the Workshop:

“Local approaches to guaranteeing women’s rights”

From 09 to 10 March 2021 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm (UTC+1)

On the Zoom platform of UCLG Africa

Link to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-ytrjgrGNFDBEozcrDU_QjWEcGysLrH

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CONCEPT NOTE

I- CONTEXT

The Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development (The World We Want) and the Agenda for Africa 2063 (The Africa We Want) have a common goal of people-centered social transformation. This can best be achieved through raising awareness of the importance of implementing Human Rights at the local and regional level, through the application of a holistic, human rights-based approach, and through the cooperation of all actors and stakeholders in this process.

This Online Capacity-Building Workshop is a high-level specialized preparation for professionals in the field of local governance who wish to improve their basic knowledge of Human Rights.

The specific theme of the Workshop is inclusion and equality for the guarantee of women's rights. Key aspects of the urban environment regarding access to services, mobility, security and the right to live without violence, health and hygiene, climate resilience and security of tenure, cause additional burdens for women and girls, amplifying and reinforcing gender inequalities. Advancing women's equality in cities enables more inclusive economic, social and ecological development, contributing to the common goal of "Leaving no one behind".

This training and capacity building workshop is also part of a celebration context, namely the Celebration of International **Women's Day on March 8 and the 10th Anniversary of the Network of Local Elected Women of Africa (REFELA) and of the first axis of its Agenda** dealing with the outreach of REFELA through capacity building of its members.

II- OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP

This online capacity-building workshop, in addition to promoting the importance of Human Rights at the local level, has the following objectives:

- Increasing political will and commitment and social demand for inclusive and sustainable cities, anchored in the fundamental principles of Human Rights, the 2030 and 2063 Agendas, the New Urban Agenda and the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralization, Local Governance and Local Development;
- Increasing the commitment of local political actors in the field of Human Rights, as well as the appreciation, capacity and determination of urban planners and decision-makers to promote inclusion through various systems, policies and processes;
- The implementation of field-tested methods and policy instruments for the promotion of Human Rights at the local level, such as the Toolkit for Urban Inclusion in Arab Cities, according to the specific contexts of the participants;
- The opportunity for Local Governments, experts, local civil servants as well as components of the Civil Society to improve their capacities in the field of Human Rights;
- The provision of a platform to exchange experiences and good practices, and to initiate in-depth learning among participants.

III- EXPECTED RESULTS

The beneficiaries of this Workshop will be equipped with knowledge and tools to make cities more inclusive, with a focus on a Human Rights-based approach, particularly Women's Rights. The outcomes of this online workshop will also contribute to the development of a new policy model for inclusive cities for women.

At the end of the Workshop, participants who have attended and completed the two days of training will receive a certificate from the Organizers.

IV- PEDAGOGICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

The Workshop is based on the principles of andragogy and will take place in a knowledge-building setting, drawing on the expertise and experience of the participants and the contributions of the Facilitators.

It will be conducted over two (2) consecutive days and the time allocated to the activities will be 2.5 hours per day.

During this workshop, participants will become familiar with the most relevant concepts regarding the protection of Human Rights in general and at the local level, the African Human Rights architecture and inclusive cities. Concrete examples will illustrate the links between the effective exercise of the functions of cities and the commitment to leave no one behind, as well as the relationship between Gender and Human Rights. The presentations will be interactive, with time for questions and discussion.

Participants are a key resource for this Workshop. They have practical experience, knowledge of local policies and are familiar with the topics of the Workshop. Guided by human rights experts, participants will analyze concepts, human rights aspects, arguments and examples for gender programs and policies in their cities. Together, they will identify the conditions that enable the implementation of policies and programs, the key actors, and how to initiate dialogue with them. They will also discuss the practical steps and challenges cities face in ensuring that no one is left behind and how to overcome these challenges.

The information collected will be analyzed and will contribute to creating an inventory of good policies to strengthen inclusive practices for women at the local and regional level.

V- MODALITIES

This Online Capacity Building Workshop will be led and facilitated by the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels under the auspices of UNESCO supported by its Partners. It is organized in cooperation with United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa), through its African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) and the Network of Local Elected Women of Africa (REFELA), which is its Gender Commission.

The work of the workshop, which will be organized remotely, will be held in **French**, with simultaneous translation into **English, Arabic and Portuguese**. It will be designed in the form of a Webinar.

Communication and collaboration tools will be provided through UCLG Africa. Links and access codes will be provided to participants.

Pre-registration for the event is required, via the link [UCLG fAfrica](#).

Participation is free of charge.

VI- TARGET AUDIENCE

- Representatives of the Government of Morocco (TBC).
- Presidents of Local Authorities or Associations of Local Governments, Mayors, local elected officials, local decision-makers; heads of Local Authorities, councillors and staff of Local Authorities ;
- Chairs of Local Government Commissions in charge of projects or issues on gender;
- Members of REFELA National Chapters across Africa;
- Local Women Mayors from the 5 REFELA Regional Caucuses and the 30 REFELA countries across Africa;
- Representatives of Institutions intervening in Local Government;
- Representatives of Civil Society;
- International Organizations and Partners;
- Academics, Training and Capacity Building Schools and Institutes as well as Researchers and Experts.

The participation of women and youth is highly recommended.

VII- DATE, TIME AND ZOOM LINK TO REGISTER

The date: Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 March 2021.

Link to register to the UCLG Africa ZOOM Platform:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-ytrjgrGNFDBEozcrDU_QjWEcGysLrH

Time: from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm (UTC+1)

VIII- WORKING LANGUAGE

French, Arabic, English and Portuguese

IX- ORGANIZERS

- The United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) through its African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) and the Network of Local Elected Women of Africa (REFELA)/Permanent Commission for Gender Equality of UCLG Africa according to Article 16 of its Statute;
- The International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, under the Auspices of UNESCO.

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Draft Workshop Program

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Time	Activities
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
13h30	Welcome and Virtual Installation of Guests & Participants
14h– 14h15	Opening speeches of the Organizers : - Prof. Klaus Starl , Director of the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, under the UNESCO Auspices (TBC) - Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi , Secretary General of UCLG-Africa (TBC) - Mrs. Macoura Dao , Mayor of Foubolo, Ivory Coast, President of REFELA (TBC) - UN-Women - Multi-country Office in the Maghreb (TBC)
14h15	-Principles and Key Elements of Human Rights, by Ms. Bernadette Knauder , International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Level, under the Auspices of UNESCO.
-	- Architecture of Human Rights in Africa and Other Regional Systems, by Mr. Thomas Gakire, Mr Wondemagegn Goshu , International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels, under the Auspices of UNESCO.
-	- Local Government, Good Governance and Human Rights, Prof. Klaus Starl
-	- Gender and Women's Rights, by Ms. Monia Braham , Senior Project Coordinator, Tunis
-	- Inclusive Cities: What is it all about, by Mrs. Jana El-Baba , UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States
-	- Open debate Moderator: Ms. Livia Perschy and Mr. Thomas Gakire
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	
TBC	Peer Learning: Inclusion at the level of African Women-led Cities and Regions <i>(to be discussed with Mr. Drissa Keita and Mr. Thomas Gakire).</i>
-	Debate
TBC	Closing of the Workshop