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Women Building Resilience in Cities

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DATE

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11.00 - 12.00 (GMT+4)

VENUE

UNOPS Pavilion - Expo City, Dubai, UAE

Registration for live streaming [tbd]

Women and girls experience the greatest climate impacts. Climate Change exacerbates the drivers of inequality and disproportionately affects them. As for most local governments, cities need to adapt and address climate-related challenges faced by women and girls by mainstreaming gender considerations into climate adaptation and resilience policies and planning. To implement this shift, stakeholders need to understand how women are specifically affected by climate change and to include gender considerations when designing urban plans and infrastructure, financing, implementation and monitoring processes.

The panel discussion will combine the global and local perspectives on how to promote gender-sensitive climate action in cities by gathering experts and government representatives to share practical approaches and experiences. The panel will include concrete examples from the recent Tunisian strategy for gender and climate, the experience from the Nouakchott region in Mauritania, the Centre of Climate Change Competences Morocco and the Dutch gender-mainstreaming approach in their climate strategy. A critical question on this topic is how to forge a path of gender mainstreaming in climate initiatives and plans. Arne Janssen, from Cities Alliance, will answer this question by presenting its tool-based approaches that provide practical guidance on the complex issue of gender mainstreaming in climate projects. Participants will (a) share the gains, gaps and challenges of addressing gender in climate change policy; (b) learn more on how to create more inclusive and participatory planning processes oriented by tools like Her4Climate; and (c) highlight women's leadership and participation in decision-making at the local level.

PANEL

- Input by **Arne Georg Janssen**, Urban Environment Lead, Cities Alliance
- Panel guests:
 - Representative of the Tunisian Ministry of Environment
 - **Fatimetou Boukhreiss**, Climate Change Program Coordinator Nouakchott Region, Mauritania
 - **Rajae Chafil**, Director of the Climate Change Competence Center, Morocco
 - Representative of the Dutch Government
- Session moderated by **Hanne Knaepen**, Head Climate Action and Green Transitions, ECDPM

