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URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

From City to Village: Ensuring access to resources in both urban and rural settings

Women's Pavilion Programming, in partnership with World Majlis

Session Agenda



**URBAN AND RURAL
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WEEK**

31 OCTOBER - 6 NOVEMBER 2021

HOW DO WE ENSURE
WOMEN ARE AT THE CORE
OF DESIGNING, BUILDING AND
BENEFITING FROM SUSTAINABLE
AND RESILIENT HABITATS?

Date Monday November 1st, 2021

Time

- Arrival time at 2:30 PM at the Women's Pavilion Majlis
- Discussion on stage 3:00-4:30 PM Dubai Time
- The Women's World Majlis will be followed by a networking reception at the Slovenia Pavilion 5:00 – 7:00 PM Dubai Time

Venue Women's Pavilion Majlis

**Overview and
Key Questions**

Cities have been designed by men for men, while villages have never put women at the center. If women had equal access to resources and were leading urban and rural development, we would build a more peaceful, sustainable, and prosperous world.

Approximately 55% of the world population lived in urban settings in 2020, and it is expected to be 68% by 2050 (UN Habitat, 2020), yet cities have long been designed without taking women's needs into consideration – whether in public spaces, architecture, mobility, safety, or access to diverse education and employment opportunities. Globally, women are also severely underrepresented in planning and design professions (Worldbank, 2020).

Meanwhile, 3.4 billion people still live in rural areas, where mostly women are disproportionately impacted by risks and crises, such as poverty, climate change, gender-based violence, forced evictions, etc. Many of these vulnerabilities can be traced back to the root causes of rural women's limited access to natural resources, physical and financial assets, which are all direct consequences of women not being at the core of rural administration and development.

For a more gender-balanced future that integrates women's needs, women must sit at the decision-making table in urban and rural design, planning and implementation.

- How different would cities look like if women designed them?
- How do we ensure rural women are not left out in the wave of urbanization?
- What needs to be done for women to have equal access to resources and seats at the decision-making table in both urban and rural development?

Please join us in this Women's World Majlis to share your insights and contribute to building a better future in both urban and rural settings.

Moderator

Emilija Stojmenova Duh

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Electrical engineering, University of Ljubljana
Head of 4PDIH, Slovenia



Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Ph.D., is an assistant professor at the Faculty of electrical engineering, University of Ljubljana. She is also Head of 4PDIH, whose main aim is to create awareness and provide services to grow digital competencies, share digital experience and case studies locally, regionally and internationally, and support the government to adapt regulation and open its data to foster entrepreneurship. In 2021 4PDIH, was recognized by the World Summit of Information Society by receiving the Digital Champion Award in the »Ethical dimensions of the Information Society« category.

She has founded and is coordinating the national FabLab network in Slovenia, which is a technical prototyping platform for innovation and invention, providing stimulus for local entrepreneurship. During 2014 and 2016, she was head of Demola Slovenia, part of Demola Network, which is recognized as best practice example for innovation policy makers by OECD and World Bank. She collaborates with the European Commission within two thematic groups on rural development and digital innovation hubs. Her work focuses mainly on the fields of open innovation, co-creation, user centered design and digitalization for development.

She is Member of the Management Board of the Slovenian Research Agency and Member of the Expert Council of the Employment Service of Slovenia. She is the first representative of Slovenia in Global Young Academy, an international society of young scientists, aiming to give a voice to young scientists across the globe. In 2018 she was representing Slovenia in #HiddenNoMore International Visitor Leadership Program for empowering woman leaders in STEM.

Welcome Remarks

H.E. Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei

Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, UAE



H.E. Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei has held the position of the Minister of Energy since March 2013 before the Ministry turning in the Ministerial Formation of 2017 into the Ministry of Energy and Industry. In July 2020, the Ministry grew even bigger when merging with the Ministry of Infrastructure Development, including the Sheikh Zayed Housing Programme, and the Federal Transport Authority Land & Maritime to become The Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure.

H.E. Al Mazrouei is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Etihad Water and Electricity, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Emirates General Petroleum Corporation, Member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company ADNOC and Mubadala Investment Company.

Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of: (Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation, Nawah Energy Company, Barakah One Company), and Member of the Board of Directors of Dolphin Energy.

H.E. Al Mazrouei has considerable experience in corporate administration in different sectors, including ship building, defense systems, oil and gas services sector and real estate development.

H.E. Suhail Al Mazrouei graduated in 1996 from the University of Tulsa in the United States of America with a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was born in Dubai on July 1st, 1973. His hobbies include poetry, literature, and history.

Opening Remarks

Claudia López – Video input

Mayor of Bogota City, Colombia

Claudia López started her mandate on January 1st of 2020 for a four-year term, she was elected with more than 1,1108,000 votes, the highest total count of any mayor in the city's history. She became the city's first female and also the first openly lesbian Mayor in Bogotá's history. She has an emphatic focus on the environmental, social equity and anticorruption agendas.



López was the vice-presidential candidate in the 2018 presidential election for the Green Alliance Party, and Senator of the Republic of Colombia between 2014 and 2018, from there she promoted important laws such as the Bicycle Law, she ensured the fair premium for domestic employees, she helped to provide a guarantee of resources for "From Zero to Always" an early childhood policy by the state, and facilitated GDEs for many students without having to enlist in the military first.

The public recognizes her tenacity and enormous capacity for collective action, which was reflected in the fight against corruption by leading a citizen consultancy, a participatory instrument where she received 11,671,420 nation-wide votes, the most votes that any initiative has received in Colombia's entire history. Before entering her political career, López was an accomplished researcher and scholar.

López is a finance and international relations graduate from Universidad Externado de Colombia, holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and Urban Politics from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University.

Participants

Ladeja Godina Košir

Circular Economy expert

Founder and Executive Director, Circular Change, Slovenia



Ladeja Godina Košir is an internationally renowned expert on the circular economy, speaker, (co)author of several CE reports and articles, and co-creator of international circular economy events. Ladeja was the finalist for the Circular Leadership Award 2018 (Davos WEF) and named in "The #EUwomen4future campaign" featuring extraordinary women active in research, innovation, education, culture and sport by Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth in 2020. She is recognised as the regional "engine of circular economy transition". She is co-author of the first Roadmap towards the Circular Economy and creator and team leader of the annual international Circular Change Conference. Ladeja has consulted on the national circular economy roadmapping process based on stakeholder engagement for several countries and cities (Serbia, Montenegro, Norway, Israel, Chile, etc.).

Ladeja has several international roles: chair of the coordination group of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP) in Brussels (2018/20), visiting professor at Doshisha University in Kyoto and co-leader of the Research Group Circular Economy Systems at the Bertalanfy Center for the Study of Systems Science (BCSSS) in Vienna.

Hazem Galal

Cities and Local Government Global Leader, PriceWaterCooper, UAE

Hazem Galal has expertise in strategy formulation and implementation to transform cities and local government entities. Hazem is a member of the WEF's Global Future Council on Cities of Tomorrow. He was also the co-chair for the working group on city connectivity, as part of the ITU and UNESE's initiative Smart Sustainable Cities. He was a key contributor to the ISO 32170 for smart infrastructure. He most recently supported the planning and the delivery of Urban 20 (U20), the cities engagement group under the G20, hosted by Al Riyadh in 2020.



He worked with cities and state governments around the world such in both developed and developing countries such as New York, Colorado State, Al Madinah, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Al Madinah, Makkah, Al Riyadh, Amsterdam, Moscow, Sochi, Saint Petersburg, Rio de Janeiro, Singapore, Astana, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Beijing and many others.

Along with his client work, Hazem is also the co-author of the book “Delivering Sustainable Competitiveness - Revisiting the organising capacity of cities”. Hazem has also been the project adviser for the World Economic Forum's research for the Future of Urban Development of Services, publishing the following thought leadership reports: the “Impact of 5G on Cities”, “Migration and its impact on cities”, “Making Affordable Housing a Reality in Cities”, “Harnessing Public-Private Cooperation to Deliver the New Urban Agenda”, “Future Cities and Urban Services: Shaping the Future of Urban Development & Services” and many others.

Hazem is a speaker at numerous global conferences on cities, hosting mega events, innovation, sustainable development and smart communities organized by national governments, the World Economic Forum, World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the United Nations and other international bodies in developed and developing countries, including the BRICS. He has been hosted as a cities experts on several occasions by leading media channels such as the BBC, CNBC, CNN, Russia Today and Channel News Asia.

Professor Gabriella Medvegy

Dean and full professor at the University of Pécs, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, Pécs, Hungary

Dr Gabriella Medvegy was appointed dean of the Faculty Engineering and Information Technology on 1 February 2018. She was formerly the Vice-Dean for International Relations (2013-2017) and is the 5th female Dean in the history of the University of Pécs.

She has been a visiting professor at University of Granada, Granada, Spain (2018), University of Transylvania, Brasov, Romania (2014), Metropolitan State University of Denver, Colorado, USA (2013), visiting scholar within IASTE Program at Mr. Mannie Galea's Architect Firm (Birkirkara, Malta, 2006), and „AYESA" Departamento de Edificación y Urbanismo (in Seville, Spain, 2004).



She leads courses at the University in Architecture Study Programs at fields of Building Design, Design Methods, Complex Design and Diploma Design. She has research leading activities as supervisor at the University's' Breuer Marcel Architectural Doctoral School with the current thesis subject: 'New Wish of the City - After Urbanism!' and others, with 5 graduated and more mentored doctoral students.

She is a regular participant, member and speaker at EAAE (European Association for Architectural Education) 'Research Academy' / Scientific - development in post gradual education' and at ENHSA (European Heads of European Schools) meeting, invited tutor at China University Union 'Four – Four Workshop' (China) since 2015, and chairs a scientific session at the regular Symposium (International Miklós Iványi PhD & DLA Symposium) since 2014. She is at the university level, responsible since 2019 for the research project is conducted at the University of Pécs, Hungary, within the framework of the 'Biomedical Engineering Project of the Thematic Excellence Programme 2019', with special focus at Research Group 'Well Being Research Incubator'.

Jenny Elliott – Virtual participant

Chartered Landscape Architect and Urban Designer, UK

Jenny Elliott is a multi-disciplinary Designer and Chartered Landscape Architect. Her work focuses on urban design - typically involving a mix of design, research, co-design and visual communication (graphic design, illustration, photography). Passionate about finding practical ways to improve 'everyday' city places for both people and environment, a common strand through Jenny's work is a combination of research and design enabling the reimagination of local urban streets and public spaces.



Jenny has worked for architectural, landscape and design consultancies, universities and local government across the UK, Australia and Denmark over the last 10+ years, on projects focussed on placemaking, urban design and public life studies. Jenny was a co-Founder/Director at 'Here+Now' landscape architecture and co-design studio (Edinburgh, 2014-2019), and previously founded Urban Fabric (Australia) - facilitating meanwhile use of vacant land for outdoor cinema/exhibitions.

Jenny's academic background includes a 1st Class Human Geography degree (University of Edinburgh) and Masters with Distinction in Landscape Architecture (Leeds Beckett University and University of Copenhagen), for which she won the LDA UK-wide award for Excellence in Landscape Design. Jenny's recent professional urban design work won the Landscape Institute Award 2020 for Excellence in Community Engagement.

Most recently Jenny led project 'Future of the High Street' for the Edinburgh Futures Institute - presently a finalist for the Landscape Institute's 2021 'Partnership and Collaboration' award. Alongside current freelance design and illustration work, Jenny's PhD research explores barriers and possible solutions to realising 'better' public spaces and place outcomes for health, well-being and environment in our cities."

Appendix

- Expo 2020 Dubai, the Women's Pavilion and the World Majlis programme
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EXPO 2020 DUBAI

Since the first Great Exhibition held in London in 1851, Expos have connected people and provided special spaces to spark dialogue amongst those who are curious about the future.

Running from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, Expo 2020 Dubai will bring the world together to imagine, design and build a more sustainable, dignified and prosperous world. One that is cleaner, safer and healthier. One inspired by collective action around shared challenges, and in which future generations will flourish. Under the theme of "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future" and our three sub-themes of Sustainability, Mobility and Opportunity, Expo will be a platform for positive, collaborative change.

THE WOMEN'S PAVILION AT EXPO 2020 DUBAI

Our Women's Pavilion, under the exhibition title 'New Perspectives', is a critical component of this vision and will be curated by Expo 2020 Dubai in collaboration with Cartier. In highlighting the positive contributions of women, we will demonstrate that when women thrive, so too does all of humanity.

The UAE has dedicated itself to ensuring that issues related to gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) are centrally addressed in everything we do at Expo 2020 Dubai. By shining a light on women past and present, known and unknown, the Women's Pavilion challenges the misconceptions that women still frequently face, seeks out new perspectives on the impact women bring to our world, explores new approaches to creating a more equal world, and identifies ways in which we, together, can create new perspectives, change deep-rooted perceptions, and adjust mindsets.

Through different modes of convening, our goal is to highlight that the only way to peace, prosperity, and sustainability is through the full and equal participation of women.

WORLD MAJLIS PROGRAMME

Deeply rooted in the traditions of the UAE, the Majlis is one of the cornerstones of Emirati civilisation. In Arabic, "majlis" means 'place of sitting' and refers to both a social gathering space and a formal legislative assembly for government. A place where people meet to hear informed opinions and shape decisions on subjects that matter to the community. The host of the majlis and his guests sit facing one another and engage in respectful but vibrant conversation, with the view of better understanding issues and exploring solutions.

The majlis has been inscribed in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. It defines majlis as a "sitting place" where community members gather to discuss local events and issues, exchange news, receive guests, socialise and be entertained."

The World Majlis aims to be one of the most engaging and thought-provoking dialogues ever held at an Expo. It is a space for ideas and conversations to make important and complex topics relatable to the general public. It brings together diverse points of views across geographies and generations. It invites open and informed exchanges between its participants with the objective to generate new insights and start meaningful connections between people and new ideas.

WOMEN'S WORLD MAJLIS

The Women's World Majlis is a key programming series at the Women's Pavilion in partnership with the World Majlis. In ten sessions, we will look into ten Expo Thematic Weeks' topics through a gender lens by recognizing and celebrating women's role and positive contributions in advancing sustainable development adapting a free-flowing conversation format.
