**Gender & Cities**
**4-5 December**
**Geneva, Switzerland**

Welcome to the inaugural Gender & Cities !

What do regional and frontline feminists have in common with digital visionaries also focused on democracy, inclusion, and transformation? How can we insure that the "inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and settlements" expressed in Sustainable Development Goal 11, is fully integrated with the fundamental and transversal vision of gender equality articulated in Sustainable Development Goal 5?

These have been our organizing set of questions as we invited experts, and expert feminists each separately focused on technology, gender, democracy, urban planning, or climate change for a discussion on shared visions and potential collaborations for this inaugural Gender & Cities event, December 4/5, at the Maison de la Paix, Geneva, Switzerland.

Over 4/5 December we will delve into the gap between visions of equality for women and the cities we live in now, exploring what is meant by a gender transformative city, and analyzing the frameworks that enable women to have agency and influence as decision-makers from the kitchen table to municipality, national and international level.

We will keep disciplined focus on the questions at hand, beginning 4 December with a two panel public event at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies laying out the scalable solutions offered from The Frontline, and already fomenting visions of The Transformative City. On 5 December, our curated day of vision and debate, we will investigate the transformative potential of the human settlement, opportunities for coalition with climate justice movements, whether and how a SMART city can enable a more connective human experience, and potent ways to bring women into decision-making fora to catalyse agency and change. Along the way we will arrive at our own visions of what a SMART feminist city would look like.

Women@theTable's intention is that this convening help lay the groundwork for new and powerful alliances. We hope for an impact that is holistic, multi sectoral, and multi disciplinary in order to make our shared visions of cities where women have equal partnership and influence adapting and creating the rules and systems we live by a reality, and our aspirations for a SMART feminist city that is creative, robust, resilient, powerful, equal, and just can come true.

Thank you for joining us as we explore Gender & Cities.

Caitlin Kraft-Buchman
CEO/Founder
Women@theTable

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**4 December**
18:30 – 20:00 **Gender & Cities: The Frontline & The Transformative City**
**Graduate Institute, Ivan Pictet Auditorium, 2 chemin Eugène-Rigot, 1202 Genève**

News from **The Frontline**: lived realities & innovations from New Delhi, Kibera, Kuala Lumpur & São Paulo

**The Transformative City**: urban solutions and visions from London, Rio, Santiago, Mumbai & Toronto.

Lightning talks each focused on on the city and a clear theme of innovation and solution. **#SmartFeministCity**

**Panel I: The Frontline**

**The Safe Cities Covening:** Suneeta Dhar, Senior Advisor, JAGORI, New Delhi

**Talking Boxes:** Jane Anyango Odongo, ED/ Founder, Polycom Development Project, Kibera

**Huairou Commission:** Sri Husnaini Sofjan, Senior Consultant, Huairou Commission, Kuala Lumpur

**Bancada Ativista, the Elected Collective:** Chirley Pankará, Legislative Assembly, São Paulo

**Panel II: The Transformative City**

**The Gender Transformative City:** Caroline Moser, Professor Emeritus, University of Manchester, London

Kaka Verdade, Executive Director, ELAS Fundo de Investimento Social, Rio de Janeiro

**New Paradigms for a New Age:** Renata Avila, Executive Director, ciudadano inteligente, Santiago

**Three Dimensional Transformation:** Nandita Shah, Co-Director, Akshara, Mumbai

**Civic Imaginary, Designing the Smart Cities:** Beth Coleman, Director, City As Platform Lab; Associate Professor Digital Media, University of Waterloo, Ontario

**5 December The Gender & Cities Convening**

**Conference Center, Graduate Institute, Petal 5, Maison de la Paix, 2 chemin Eugène-Rigot**

**0830-0845 Breakfast & Welcome**
**0845-0900 Opening** Moderator: Caitlin Kraft-Buchman Women@theTable
**0900-0930 Tour de Table**

**0930 –1115 the front line: agents of change**
**What is the gender transformative potential of human settlements?**
Landscape Leader: *Suneeta Dhar, JAGORI, New Delhi*
Curated Discussion: *Sri Husnaini Sofjan, Senior Consultant, Huairou Commission, Kuala Lumpur*
*Jane Anyango Odongo, Executive Director / Founder, Polycom Development Project, Kibera*

**1115-1130** break

**1130- 1245 climate justice: feminist catalytics**
**How do we incorporate a gender lens in the climate justice and climate change movements?**
Landscape Leader:
*KaKa Verdade, Executive Director, ELAS Fundo de Investimento Social, Rio de Janeiro*

1300-1430 **Networking Lunch** Restaurant Maison de la Paix

**1430-1600 technology: with gender at its core**
**Can a SMART city enable a more connective human experience?**
Landscape Leaders: *Beth Coleman, Director, Sidewalk as Platform Lab, Toronto*
Curated Discussion:
*Renata Avila, ciudadano inteligente, Santiago*
*Esteban Leon, UN Habitat, Head City Resilience Profiling Program*

**1600- 1730 democracy: bringing women into decision-making fora**
**What does a SMART feminist city look like?**
Landscape Leader: *Caroline Moser, Emeritus Professor, University of Manchester*
Curated Discussion:
*Nandita Shah, Co-Director, Akshara, Mumbai*
*Chirley Pankará, Bancada Ativista, São Paolo*

**1730 -1830 plenary wrap up: new alliances**
Moderator: Caitlin Kraft-Buchman Women@theTable

**2000-2200 Dinner**
Les Cinq Portes, Rue de Zurich 8, Geneva

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