

6. Ensuring Gender Equality vis-à-vis Environmental Challenges within the International Agendas for Sustainable Development and Climate Change

The UNFCCC Paris Conference in December 2015 made it clear that governments at last recognize the seriousness and urgency of achieving major cuts in greenhouse emissions. It is unlikely that carbon savings can be achieved without greater gender sensitivity. This conference theme welcomes papers which explore issues of gender in climate change, and in sustainable development policy making at all levels, and in the framing and undertaking of climate change, and other environmental research.

7. Promoting Structural Change in Technological Fields (STEM)

In the last years promoting the structural change of institutions has emerged as the main approach to promote gender equality in STEM and technological fields, substituting for earlier approaches which used to put the focus solely on women. This implies recognizing the multiple dimensions of the problem of gender inequality in technological professions, of which gender bias appears to be a key element. We seek papers from the projects funded under “Structural Change” and “Geri-4” calls. This track aims at addressing how far we have advanced in promoting structural change for greater gender equality in STEM, and what can be done to improve this approach.

8. Recognition without Bias in Architecture and Planning: Challenging Gate-Keeping and Canon-Building Practices

Important prizes, professional journals, juries at competitions, publishers, etc., play a key role as “gate keepers” of architectural careers. Empirical evidence on gender differences in career awards

and publications shows a very significant gender bias in evaluation starting at the very early stages of careers. How can gender bias in awards, publications, competitions, and in other gate-keeping mechanisms be overcome? How do definitions of the “canon” contribute to the exclusion of women? This track aims to provide a ground for debate in the area of women’s visibility and recognition in architecture and planning.

Please see our website for a detailed description of the tracks:

<http://engenderinghabitat3.genderste.eu/>

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

Abstract submission deadline: **2nd May**

Notification of abstract acceptance: **6th June**

Registration opens: **6th June**

Early bird registration deadline: **11th July**

Registration closes: **8th August**

Short-paper submission deadline: **30th September**

Conference: **5th -7th October 2016**

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The International Conference ‘**Engendering Habitat III**’ engages with contemporary challenges to the urban environment, with specific reference to their gender dimensions and the promotion of gender equality. It will contribute to the participatory processes leading up to the New Urban Agenda, to the urgent measures to reduce global warming, and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including its goals, targets and indicators.

Engendering Habitat III will provide sound, state of the art gender expert knowledge on city planning, transport, climate change, energy, building and management, from which to build substantive and robust recommendations and proposals to improve the gender inputs into these major international urban and environmental policies. It will identify innovative multidisciplinary research and contributions to theory on gender and urban issues, providing a forum for discussion and reflection in which views, and experiences worldwide will be shared and analysed in two days of enriching work in plenary and parallel sessions.

TOPICS

1. What Would Gender Sensitive Urban Design & Architecture Be Like?

The ways in which urban areas are designed need to reflect the needs of different socio-economic and demographic groups within societies. Gender is an important dimension in this debate and it is crucial to discuss how gender sensitive design can be different from mainstream practices. This session seeks contributions with theoretical and/or empirical origin as well as cases from history. Examples can be drawn from many scales - including large urban projects such as new towns, landscape interventions, neighbourhood plans and individual buildings. The emphasis in this track is on the design as built and lived, rather than institutional processes and procedures.

2. Security and Safety: Building and Managing Urban Spaces Free of Violence against Women (VAW)

Gendered aspects of human security and urban safety are crucial but largely neglected areas in urban planning and policy, research and practice. In this sense, it is important to discuss the definition and measures of security and safety for urban populations. Contributions to this track are expected to demonstrate the problems related to urban areas together with some solutions. Papers on good practices as well as new methods and tools to be employed for solving safety and security problems in specific cases are especially invited.

3. Gender as a Key Component to Ensure ‘Access for All’ to Housing, Transportation, ICT and Employment

Access to housing, transport, and employment, and to basic facilities and services, including ICT, is a key

issue in ensuring a decent quality of everyday life for everyone, irrespective of gender and of other potential discriminatory traits, including age, race, socioeconomic status and so on. The session welcomes papers that discuss the issue of accessibility of these services by various social groups and individuals with different backgrounds through theoretical and/or empirical research.

4. Contemporary North-South Divides and European Semi-Peripheries: Migration and Environmental Challenges

The notion of semi-periphery provides a framing for the multiple social, economic and political differences between and within European countries and in relation to their neighbours. This track is focusing on the intersection of gender, migration and urban environments in the (re)production of inequalities related to current urban developments in different European societies. It is important to identify challenges, resistances and coping strategies of both old and new urban populations, and the points of their intersection and common ground.

5. Gender Mainstreaming in Urban Planning and Gendered Research Methodologies: Process, Tools and Techniques

Since its emergence as a major global strategy for promoting gender equality, Gender Mainstreaming has been in the agenda of urban planners and policy makers. Yet, there are further benefits for exploring this strategy from a theoretical and empirical perspective. In this track gender sensitive methodologies and tools in urban and planning research will be discussed. Contributions reviewing the concept and trans-disciplinary approaches are welcomed alongside studies on initiatives in specific geographical contexts.