

## GENDER INCLUSION IN URBAN SPACES

### Learning Event

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (EST)*  
*World Bank, 1818 H Street NW, Washington DC - Room MC 2-800*

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**Francesca De Ferrari** is a Programme Management Officer in the New York Liason Office of UN-HABITAT and focal of gender for the Americas. She has been working in the Development and Humanitarian world for almost 2 decades. She is Civil Engineer as background, with Masters in Hydrology and Hydrogeology and International Development. She started her career in Colombia managing a recovery programme after a devastating earthquake. She worked with international NGOs, with OXFAM as Public Health Officer in Philippines in emergency response after typhoon and land slide. She worked with UNICEF as Chief of Water and Sanitation Department in El Salvador, as a Water and Sanitation and Emergency Specialist in Sudan and as Education and Water and Sanitation Specialist in Sierra Leone. She joined UN-HABITAT in May 2010 bringing with her broad field experience. In her career she always promoted very innovative tools to create greater impact in the implementation of the projects. She always integrated gender in the programs she has been managing, from introducing Menstrual Hygiene in schools in Sierra Leone with UNICEF, to support gender policies in UN-Habitat, no matter the topics she will add gender component in it! She is now responsible of building partnerships and ensures coordination among UN agencies and other stakeholders in the topics of humanitarian and urban development in UN-HABITAT New York Office.



**Nidia Hidalgo** is a Senior Social Development Specialist of the Division of Gender and Diversity at the Interamerican Development Bank based in El Salvador. She has a master's Degree in Rural Development Sciences with a specialization on gender and a Doctoral Degree in Agroindustrial Economic Problems with a focus on Rural Financial Markets and Gender from the Autonomous University of Chapingo (Mexico). Prior to working at the IDB, she was the coordinator of the Gender Area at the UNDP in El Salvador. In addition, she has worked as a gender consultant for various international organizations, has been a speaker at seminars and conferences and she is the author or co-author of numerous books and articles.



Dr. **Marcia Odell**, Senior Director, Gender Equality, at Plan International USA has over 30 years of international development experience in designing, delivering, and assessing programming for girls' and women's safety, security, and empowerment. Her long-standing commitment to supporting CSOs, NGOs, INGOs, foundations, and private sector groups to promote programs that are gender-sensitive has transcended a wide range of technical arenas – from girls and women creating safe spaces in rural and urban environments; to their achieving economic empowerment through savings groups and social enterprise development; to their becoming functionally literate and numerate. Dr. Odell's work to address violence against girls and women in urban environments and elsewhere has successfully taken to scale promising development efforts that have won multiple accolades from institutions that include UN-Habitat, the

World Bank's Development Marketplace, the Club of Budapest, the Government of Japan, the Genesis Institute, and Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. Her most recent work has been the development of a gender-mainstreaming model that residents of urban or rural communities can use to achieve gender-transformative change by engaging individuals, families, communities, and local government and non-government institutions in the quest for gender justice.



**Joshua D. Silver**, Lead Planner for the Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, DC Office of Planning. Mr. Silver spearheads initiative management and partnership development for OP's place-based initiatives. Focused on the intersection of community development and equity, Mr. Silver has played an instrumental role in delivery of OP's cutting-edge collaboration with the Kresge Foundation, "Crossing the Street: Building DC's Inclusive Future Through Creative Placemaking".



**Caroline Wanjiku Kihato** is Director of WIEGO's Urban Policies Program, a Visiting Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Architecture, University of Johannesburg; a Global Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. Her career has involved both teaching and conducting research in the academy and the non-profit sector in Southern and Eastern Africa. Her research and teaching interests focus on how poor urban workers access labour markets, and the ways planning and policy regimes support or frustrate these efforts. She explores how these processes intersect with gender, migration and informality, and has a keen interest in developing more inclusive productive spaces for workers in the global South. In 2011, she received a MacArthur grant on Migration and Development and spent a year as a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM), Georgetown University, Washington DC. Between 2006 and 2013 she worked for Urban LandMark as its southern African program coordinator. She was previously a Policy Analyst at the Development Bank of Southern Africa and a Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand. She worked for six years as a Policy Analyst at the Centre for Policy Studies. She has published widely on academic and popular platforms. She is the author of *Migrant Women of Johannesburg: Life in an in-between City* (Palgrave Macmillan) and co-editor of *Urban Diversity: Space, Culture and Inclusive Pluralism in Cities Worldwide* (Johns Hopkins).

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**Girija Borker** is an Economist in the Impact Evaluation unit of the Development Research Group (DECRG) at the World Bank. She works primarily in the areas of development economics, with a focus on gender, violence, education, and transport. Her ongoing projects study the economic consequences of sexual harassment in public spaces, assess how the structure of the marriage market in India contributes to sex selection, and examine the effects of teacher identity on student performance along with the underlying mechanisms.



**Maitreyi Bordia Das** is Manager in the Global Practice for Social, Urban, Rural, and Resilience and the World Bank's Global Lead for Social Inclusion. Based in Washington DC, she works on a set of issues that have to do with reducing inequality and exclusion. She has worked in both human development and infrastructure related areas at the World Bank. Of these, social protection, social development, health, urban development and water and sanitation stand out. Maitreyi has led, and been part of, several research and policy initiatives. She was the lead author of the 2013 report, "Inclusion Matters: The Foundation for Shared Prosperity"; the 2015 publication, "Scaling the Heights: Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development in Himachal Pradesh" and most recently, "The Rising Tide: A New Look at Water and Gender". She started her career as a lecturer in St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, has been a MacArthur Fellow at the Harvard Center of Population and Development Studies and worked as advisor to the United Nations Development Program. She has a PhD in Sociology (Demography) from the University of Maryland. Before joining the World Bank, Maitreyi was in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS).



**Mariana Felicio** is a Social Development Specialist for the World Bank's Middle East and North Africa Region and leads the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA)-Arab World. She joined the World Bank in 2003, leading and supporting various initiatives on social accountability in Latin America and the Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East and North Africa. In her work across regions, she has contributed to developing and mainstreaming the concept and application of social accountability in programs, projects, and training courses. She has also been responsible for designing, implementing and monitoring interventions that strengthen citizen-service provider interface and establishing networks of practitioners and communities of practice on social accountability. Prior to joining the World Bank, Mariana worked to establish a trade network between Latin America and Asia Pacific at the Inter-American Development Bank, and for the Ford Foundation on Civil Society Networks in Latin America Project. She holds a Master's Degree in Development Management and Public Policy from Georgetown University, a Post-Graduate in Regional Integration Processes, MERCOSUR from the University of Buenos Aires, and Bachelors in International Relations from Wellesley College.



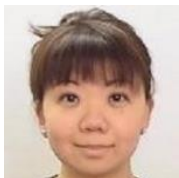
**Chloë Fèvre** is Senior Violence Prevention Specialist at the World Bank. She has 15 years of combined operational, analytical, and evaluative experience in international development with a focus on policies and programs oriented to improve the wellbeing and safety of girls, boys and young persons-at-risk. Prior to joining the Bank's violence prevention team, she led two evaluations on citizen security at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). Those evaluations sought to draw strategic and operational lessons from the IADB's contribution to the citizen security challenge in Latin America and the Caribbean over the past two decades. Before this, she worked at the World Bank where she focused on human development and education policies in West Africa. She started her professional career working for children's and women's rights with several NGOs, think tanks and international organizations in India, Mexico, Montenegro, Switzerland, and the USA. Chloë Fèvre holds a Ph.D. in Development Policy from University College London in the UK. She also holds a M.A. and a B.A. in Political Sciences and International Relations from Sciences-Po Paris, a MSc eq. in International Management from Paris Dauphine University, and a JD eq. in International Public Law from UniCaen in France.



**Caren Grown**, Senior Director for Gender at the World Bank Group, is recognized internationally as an expert on gender and development. Before joining the Bank Group in 2014, she was Economist-in-Residence and Co-Director of the Program on Gender Analysis in Economics at American University. From 2013-2014, she led the UNU-WIDER program on aid effectiveness and gender equality, and from 2011-2013 she served as Senior Gender Adviser and Acting Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at USAID. Among her previous positions, Dr. Grown has been Senior Scholar and Co-Director of the Gender Equality and Economy Program at the Levy Economics Institute at Bard College, Director of the Poverty Reduction and Economic Governance team at the International Center for Research on Women, and Senior Program Officer at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.



**Jon Kher Kaw** is a Senior Urban Development Specialist in the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice based in Washington D.C. He also leads the Urbanscapes Group at the World Bank, a cross-sector community-of-practice focused on urban planning and design. He brings with him over 15 years of expertise in public policy, urban planning, and real estate. Since joining the World Bank, Jon Kher has worked on various urban sector activities in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. He was also the primary author of the spatial planning and connectivity chapter in the Regional Urbanization Flagship for South Asia. Prior to his current role at the World Bank, Jon Kher held various key positions at the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the national urban planning agency of Singapore from 2005 to 2013. There, he led the planning, design and implementation of key growth districts, as well as policy recommendations for national-level planning, land allocation and real estate market intervention. Jon Kher also worked in the private sector in Singapore and London, and was co-founder of an urban planning think tank in New York. He holds a Master in Design Studies (Housing and Urbanization) from Harvard University and a Master of Architecture from Columbia University.



**Natsuko Kikutake** is an Urban Specialist with the East Asia and Pacific region GSURR practice. She has over 10 years of experience with urban planning and management, urban and regional infrastructure, smart cities and urban IoT, municipal finance and PPPs in over 30 countries across Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. Prior to working at the Bank, Natsuko was engaged in private sector strategy consulting, specializing in the application of disruptive technologies in urban planning and management. She has a background in Systems Engineering, Architecture and Urban Design from the University of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



**Maria Beatriz Orlando** is a Development Economist and specialist in social inclusion, labor markets and gender analysis. While at the World Bank she has contributed to gender equality and inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and South Asia through applied analytical work, coordination of efforts to include the gender and social inclusion lens in operations and policy dialogue. She has conducted research on labor markets and poverty, the socio-economic impact of gender-based violence, access to services and opportunities for different social and ethnic groups, female labor force participation, women's entrepreneurship, gender based violence, gender and energy, and the development relevance of gender norms. Prior to joining the World Bank she worked as a Research Associate at the Center for Global Development and Professor at Universidad Catolica Andres Bello (Caracas, Venezuela).



**Deepti Samant Raja**, has worked for over twelve years on the socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disabilities and mainstreaming disability in development. Her work has spanned research, policy analysis, capacity building, and knowledge exchange programs. She currently works with the World Bank's Global Disability Advisor, providing technical assistance and operations support to teams on good practices to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities. Raja's publications have looked at economic participation, the role of technology for inclusion, access to education, and inclusive disaster management. Previously, she worked as Director of International Programs and Senior Researcher at the Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University, Senior Research Analyst at the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs, and Research Coordinator for the Secretariat of the Global Partnership for Disability and Development.



**Horacio Terraza** has more than 20 years of professional experience in the urban-environmental field, having worked both in the private sector and multilateral development organizations. He is the Lead Urban Specialist for the Latin American Region of the World Bank focusing on cities, urban infrastructure and resilience. During the previous 8 years he worked at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as the Coordinator of the Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative (ESCI) and as Principal Water Specialist. Before the IDB Horacio worked for 11 years as a Senior Environmental Specialist at the World Bank, leading the urban environmental agenda and coordinating operations related to carbon finance in the Latin American Department. Prior to that, he worked in the private sector as Project Manager for environmental engineering companies providing treatment and final disposal of hazardous substances. Horacio has extensive experience in complex projects related to urban infrastructure and industrial pollution, implementing many of these within the framework of the principal international environmental protocols including: The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Horacio was trained as a mechanical engineer at the National University of La Plata in Argentina and holds a Master's in International Economics and International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).



**Sameh Wahba**, an Egyptian national, is Director for Urban and Territorial Development, Disaster Risk Management and Resilience at the World Bank Group's Social, Rural, Urban and Resilience Global Practice, based in Washington D.C, where he oversees the formulation of Bank strategy and the design and delivery of all Bank lending, technical assistance, policy advisory activities and partnerships at the global level. Prior to this, he was Practice Manager for the Urban and Disaster Risk Management unit in Africa and the Global Urban and Resilience Unit, and he served as Acting Director of Operations and Strategy for the Global Practice. He also worked as Sustainable Development Sector Leader for Brazil, based in Brasilia, and worked as urban specialist focused on housing, land, local economic development and municipal management and service delivery in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East and North Africa Regions. Prior to joining the Bank in 2004, he worked at the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies in Rotterdam and at the Harvard Center for Urban Development Studies. He holds a Ph.D. and Masters in urban planning from Harvard University, and a B.Sc and M.Sc in Architectural Engineering from Cairo University. He speaks Arabic, French, English and Portuguese. Most recently, he co-authored the Bank's flagship publication on "Regenerating Urban Land: A Practitioner's Guide to Leveraging Private Investment."