

WEDNESDAY

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SEPTEMBER 2012

**GENDER AND WOMEN
ROUNDTABLE – Fostering
Women's Economic Empowerment
in Cities**

16.30 – 19.00*Teatro Mediterraneo, Sala Italia*

The Gender Equality Action Assembly (GEAA) and the Gender and Women's Roundtable will bring together partners to evaluate the progress and challenges on the implementation of the Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP), including its strategies for action and policy implications. The Plan provides a road map to ensure women and men have equitable access to public resources and service, promoting women's equal participation in all aspects of urban development.

The Roundtable brings together subject experts, policy-makers, the private sector, researchers, community representatives and global gender activists to explore integrated women's economic empowerment strategies and programmes.

The objective of the Roundtable is to recognise past successes, informing relevant stakeholders on innovative and sustainable approaches to delivering women's economic empowerment through land and housing.

The lead partner at this Roundtable is Huairou Commission which is a global membership and partnership coalition that empowers grassroots women's organizations to enhance their community development practice and to exercise collective political power at the global level.

Other key partners/participants are:

- Government of Italy
- UN Women
- Government of Norway
- URBANIMA LUPT Research Centre of the Federico II University of Naples (tbc)
- Fondazione Mediterraneo
- Anna Lindh Foundation
- NGO's e.g. WIEGO, GROOTS International, Plan International, Women in Cities International, Yemeni Women Union, Habitat for Humanity
- Subject experts from academia in renowned universities and professional bodies
- Other international bodies

Speakers: *Micere Mugo, Past Chair of the Department of African American Studies, Syracuse University; Caterina Arcidiacono, Gender Studies Coordinator, Federico II University of Naples; Elizabeth Blake, Senior Vice President for Advocacy, Government Affairs and General Counsel, Habitat for Humanity; Sandy Schilen, Global Facilitator, Groots International; Abike Dabiri, Member of the House of Representatives, Nigeria; Tirop Kosgey, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing, Kenya; Mayra Gómez, Co-Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Samantha Hung, Senior Social Development Specialist, Gender and Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB); Patricia Chaves, Grassroots Women Community Leader, Espaco Feminista; Alison Brown, Professor, Cardiff University; Jan Peterson, Chair, Huairou Commission; Femi Adewole, Director of Business Development and Operation, Shelter Afrique; Rapporteur; Mariano Bonavolontà, Director of the Internationalization, Communication and Press Office, ARISM, LUPT, Federico University of Naples; Erminia Mazzoni, President of the Petitions*

Committee of the European Parliament.

Moderator: *Cathy McLwaine, Professor, University of London; Siraj Sait, Reader and Head of Research, University of East London*