

Thank you Mdme moderator and panellists.

My name is Emilia Reyes and I work in Gender Equity, a Mexican feminist organization.

We from the Women's Partner Constituent Group are aware of the relevance of the follow up process because, however technical it may be, its the way in which we can ensure the synergy of all actors and monitor the advances towards a desirable outcome. We strongly suggest that the integrity of the Habitat platform as a whole be kept, as this is the main guarantee that the points of entry for implementation and follow up take into consideration the wider scope of existing good practices and knowledge, both related to the 2030 Agenda and the HLPF as well as the broader Habitat mandate, right along with the Sendai, Addis Ababa and Paris instruments. The internal dialogue within the UN system is also crucial to promote the highest level of integration of cross-cutting elements such as the human rights framework, gender equality and sustainability criteria. As a general question to the panellists, then, we would like to ask their ideas on the best ways to integrate the cross-cutting issues into the follow up mechanism.

To us, structural points of entry are the most efficient ways to fulfill the aims of a comprehensive agenda at the same time that we are leaving no one behind. Therefore monitoring the eradication of structural inequalities such as that of gender and those emanated from the concentration of wealth need to be prioritized. We want to highlight that the challenge to reduce and redistribute unpaid domestic and carework carried out by women is of crucial importance so that they're not the invisible slaves subsidizing the transition towards sustainable cities and human settlements. Also, the obscene concentration of wealth should be monitored so as to gradually transition towards progressive fiscal mechanisms that make it feasible to include all sectors into the challenge we face with the New Urban Agenda.

The role of all actors should be considered in their different capacities and stands. States should relate as duty bearers, integrating in their fiscal frameworks the formal ways in which they will implement the agenda, and, as such, need to engage rights holders at all levels of implementation, monitoring and evaluation. A specific mechanism to monitor the social and environmental impacts of the private sector actions, especially large corporations, must be put in place in order to promote a transition towards the optimal alliance needed to devise the kind of human settlements and cities that we want.

Thank you for your attention.