

Women's Partners Constituent Group GAP

Intervention on Panel 4: Effective Implementation

Thank you moderator, thank you colleagues for the interesting statements. My name is Lillian Sol and I am part of the Women's Partners Constituent Group.

We, the women's group welcome the inclusion of many of our recommendations in the Zero Draft, but, at the same time we are concerned with the absence of a consistent partnership concept and the inclusion of fix preventive anti-corruption measures to promote integrity, accountability and proper management of public affairs and public property, mentioned by some members of the panel.

In particular, we consider that the following elements should be integrated in the Zero Draft for an effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda:

- 1) On finance, we suggest the incorporation of a watchdog to keep track and prevent illicit flows, and progressive taxation to redistribute wealth. Also, we would like to highlight that new sources of financing such as public-private partnerships must be viewed as complementary, since these cannot replace the state in delivering essential services.
- 2) On technology, we recommend that all transfer and development of technologies are based on ex ante and ex post impact assessments; and to ensure fair and equitable access to safe, affordable, socially and environmentally sound technologies. Moreover, we need to address the gender gap in the technology sector and support the role of women as producers, innovators and knowledge holders.
- 3) Finally, regarding capacity building, we would like to advocate for clear, coordinated, demand-driven, progressive and gender responsive capacity building initiatives to ensure that both all women and men can access and benefit from them.

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