

Welcome to the CSW64 side event on the 10th of March, 4.00-5.30 pm

Local solutions to global challenges

Contributions from local and regional governments are pivotal in achieving the SDG:s and the Beijing Platform for Action. The challenges facing humanity are global, but they have to be dealt with at the local level.

We are witnessing a drive against gender equality and the women's rights agenda across continents. It's a backlash targeting the institutional and policy framework for gender equality, including gender mainstreaming, social and labor protection, education, sexual and reproductive health and rights and the prevention and combating of violence against women.

A renewed and powerful commitment to gender equality is necessary. Transferring this commitment into a stronger agenda for gender equality requires sustainable, equal and democratic local governments, where women and men have equal access to decision-making and services and enjoy equal treatment in these services.

Welcome to a seminar highlighting local solutions to global challenges.

Key Note Address: Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women, and Åsa Lindhagen, Minister of Gender Equality, Sweden

Confirmed speakers: Ms. Hasina Safi, Minister for Information and Culture, Afghanistan, **Ms. Roheyatou Malick Lowe**, Lord Mayor of Banjul, Gambia, President REFELA Gambia National Chapter, **Ms. Tamar Taliashvili**, Councillor City of Tblisi, Georgia, Vice-President of CEMR, **Mr. Emil Broberg**, Chair of CEMR Standing Committee for Gender Equality, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, **Ms.Flora Maboa-Boltman**, chairperson of SALGA Women Commission, South Africa. **Moderator: Lena Ag**, Director General, Swedish Gender Equality Agency.

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Venue: Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue, 46th Floor, New York

Registration: To register, please use this link

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