

REPORT OF THE SESSION “UN-Habitat methodological dialogue on urban participatory diagnosis with women: The Woman City methodology”

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TITLE	UN-Habitat methodological dialogue on urban participatory diagnosis with women: The Woman City methodology
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<p>Summary of the session</p> <p><i>Please share in a maximum of 500 words a summary of the session: what was the discussion, the experiences presented and the most important messages that were shared during the session.</i></p>	<p>UN-Habitat is the UN agency focal point for sustainable urbanization, to promote socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable urban development. One of the ways to achieve this urban development is through the promotion of inclusive and safe public spaces analysed and planned through the participation of those who experience them daily, considering different perspectives, such as women's, the subject of this proposal.</p> <p>Based on this principle, UN-Habitat has developed the “Cidade Mulher” (Woman City) methodology, which aim to ensure women's participation in the diagnosis of urban and social issues and to produce qualified data from a gender perspective on public space and urban safety. During the implementation of the Woman City methodology through workshops in different territories, data and qualitative information about the territories approached are generated to inform decision-makers about the construction of integrated public policies based on evidence that confront the inequalities and violence experienced by women in everyday life.</p> <p>Our event proposal for the IOPD aimed to share with the public the participatory Woman City methodology, implemented by UN-Habitat in Brazil in the states of Pernambuco and Alagoas. The Woman City methodology was focused on the perception of the feeling of safety of girls and women in their communities. During the proposed workshop, the tools and methodological moments developed by UN-Habitat Brazil were shared to identify how environmental and urban factors cause (un)safety for women, who often have their perspectives and questions ignored. Furthermore, we shared with the audience the “Cidades Mulheres Game”, developed to interactively present the systematized data resulting from the workshops held in Pernambuco and Alagoas.</p> <p>The workshop began with a presentation on UN-Habitat and, subsequently, a detailed presentation of the Woman City methodology was made based on its principles, techniques, and approaches used to access the feeling of safety</p>

	<p>through the identification of urban factors that make women feel safe or unsafe in public spaces.</p> <p>As part of the methodological tour, the practical tools used for the production and collection of information were discussed, such as 1) the Profile form (for collecting socioeconomic data); 2) the Collective Cartography (production of spatialized qualitative data); 3) the Exploratory Walk questionnaires (analysis of urban space); and 4) the Focus Group Discussion script (exchange of experiences on urban violence).</p> <p>After the presentation, participants had the opportunity to experience the Cidades Mulheres Game and share similar experiences in their territories where they live and work and factors that influence women's feeling of (un)safety in the city.</p> <p>Finally, we also released the Methodological Guide for the Woman City Workshops, which provides a didactic guide to implementing the methodology, launched this year by UN-Habitat Brazil.</p> <p>With this approach, the workshop provided a moment of sharing and immersion in the Woman City methodology, combining theoretical presentations, practical activities, and moments of interaction between the participants. The workshop was led by the UN-Habitat staff who implemented the Woman City Workshops in Pernambuco and Alagoas.</p>
<p>Conclusions <i>In a single sentence, state the element that stands out in your session.</i></p>	<p>Based on the thematic and the data shared, the session was a space for dialogue about participatory methodologies as the axis of an inclusive and smart city, in which participating people were able to interact and bring similar experiences from their territories.</p>
<p>Recommendations for IOPD <i>Share with IOPD your priorities and recommendations in order to advance in the topic of your session</i></p>	<p>We prioritize the promotion of more intersectoral moments of sharing participatory methodological experiences carried out with women on the topic of urban violence, as well as the action of local governments in implementing participatory methodologies as a strategy to reach/address intersectional needs and challenges in an effective and targeted way.</p>