

✓ *Approved by the World Council in Hangzhou*

## APPOINTMENT OF THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS

During the electoral process of the last World Congress in Bogotá, particular attention was paid to the participation of elected women. In light of the remaining unbalance between genders and as informed by the Committee on Statutory Affairs, the World Council agreed to the appointment of a Women's Caucus, with representation from all Sections. This caucus will be invited to follow the work of the World Council.

A call for nominations to the Global Women's Caucus was launched in April 2017. It was proposed that around 10 names be put forward, to ensure representation of female local political representatives that are not already in the governing bodies but that are active in our networks at regional or national level.

After being discussed by the Committee on Statutory Affairs and presented to the World Council, the initial proposals were approved as presented below.

### **AFRICA**

- Josephine Kasya, Chairperson of Kanungu District
- Célestine Ketcha Courtès, Mayor of Bangangté, President of the Network for Locally Elected Women of Africa (REFELA)
- Fatimetou Abdel Malick, President of Nouakchott Regional Council

### **EUROPE**

- Catarina Vaz Pinto, Councilor for Culture, City of Lisbon

### **LATAM**

- María Claudia López, Secretary for Culture, City of Bogotá
- Luisiana Toledo Quiros, Deputy Mayor of Escazú

### **MEWA**

- Sibel Uyar, Mayor of Urla

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS

### **Background**

The UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality is composed of representatives from women's caucuses in each of the Sections of UCLG. It aims to promote gender equality within the World Organization's governing bodies and to ensure that the gender equality perspective is included in UCLG policy and activities.

As per the amendments to Article 58 of the UCLG Constitution during the Rabat Congress in 2013, the presidency of the Standing Committee is an *ex officio* member of the UCLG Presidency with full rights and carries important weight in the political representation of the organization.

Despite the efforts to ensure gender equality in the UCLG Governing Bodies, the General Assembly in Bogotá agreed that the situation was not satisfactory and agreed to mandate the Standing Committee on Gender Equality to nominate a Global Women's Caucus in close coordination with the Committee on Statutory Affairs and in consultation with the Sections.

The Global Women's Caucus should ensure the inclusion of women's perspective in deliberations and policies. It should enhance the participation of women in all areas of work of the organization and should promote initiatives that will help the World Organization enhance gender equality.

### **Candidatures and posts**

1. The candidatures are personal and individual.
2. Candidates should be members of UCLG but should not be existing members of the World Council.
3. Candidates should express interest in actively participating in the annual meetings of the Council.
4. Candidates should come to an agreement in the case of several candidatures existing in the same region.

### **Announcement and dissemination**

5. The call for candidatures will be carried out through an open mailing to the Standing Committee on Gender Equality and to Sections, to be proposed by the Standing Committee to the Committee on Statutory Affairs.

### **Duration of mandate**

6. In order to ensure good coordination with the overall work of the governing bodies of UCLG, the mandate will preferably coincide with that of the Presidency, i.e. one renewable term.

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### **Minimum participation in the business of the organization**

1. The members of the Global Women's Caucus will ensure a gender perspective is included in the policies of the World Organization but inputs in other areas of work are also welcome.
2. Members of the Global Women's Caucus will attend the meetings of the World Council without voting rights.
3. They are allowed to participate in the debates of the World Council and make proposals in coordination with the Standing Committee leadership.
4. They should further attend one session of the Section in their respective world region.

### **Expanding the network**

5. The Global Women's Caucus members will establish contact with the women's caucuses in the different Sections and should actively campaign to increase the participation of women in the work of the World Organization.
6. The Global Women's Caucus will be involved in informing women elected leaders in UCLG and beyond about UCLG's work and policies.