



ON THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

THE POLICY OF THE REGIONS FOR THE SOCIAL IMPULSE OF WOMEN

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THEME

The commitment to the necessary transformation of public and social policies from a feminist perspective, which includes proposals from a multitude of women's organizations as well as a large part of the lines of action of many governments at the international level, continues to face the challenge of a greater presence of women in decision-making positions and the radical feminist transformation of the world agenda. Despite the progress made in this regard, inequalities in the recognition of women's leadership in all domains are still evident, and the various forms of structural, collective and individual violence against women are exacerbated.

International policies, as well as state policies, are fundamental for the achievement of transformation objectives, but regional and local policies are also crucially strategic. In this sense, this year once again, on the occasion of the celebration of International Women's Day, we present a group of women Governors and Regional Presidents from different parts of the world in order to bring together issues and opportunities for a common dialogue.

In a context of new challenges and problems that affect the world, what role do regional governments play as governments of proximity? The Millennium Development Goals already measured progress towards equity with an indicator that reported the percentage of women occupying parliamentary seats, but a more in-depth analysis is needed to address the reality of the presence or absence and leadership of women in intermediate governments. Should we carry out such an analysis, we would surely find that, even though it is an area of proximity, in many countries it is the most reluctant to include women: while in parliaments, mayors' offices and national governments women are slowly taking up positions, it is clear that in many countries there is not a single female governor, while in many others they are anecdotal. However, many regional governments have indeed incorporated the recommendations of the UN. Women are promoting gender policies in all their actions, and although it is clear that there is a legislative area that lies within the competence of central governments, local governments can have a great impact in many areas with inclusive practices and policies, identifying patriarchal structures and influencing them. Regional governments can, out of all, promote equal access to services and rights.

This event on the occasion of International Women's Day aims to learn about the policies promoted by women governors and presidents, as well as to deepen their regional best practices to become a reference, all with the underlying conviction that the presence of women in decision-making and policy-making is transformative.



PROGRAM

THE EVENT WILL BE LED BY NEUS POCIELLO CAYUELA,
DIRECTOR OF THE CATALAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- 4:00 PM** **OPENING**
Meritxell Benedí, President of Institut Català de les Dones.
- 4:10 PM** **WOMEN AT THE HEAD OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS**
- Mbarka Bouaida, president of the Guelmin Oued Noun Region and president of the Association of Moroccan Regions.
 - Saynabou Gaye, President of the Department of Tivaouane, Senegal.
- 4:30 PM** **ROUND TABLE "WOMEN PROMOTING PROJECTS & POLICIES"**
- School "Empower yourself". Department of Risaralda. Colombia.
 - Integral Women's Center. Cradle Houses. Province of Cordoba, Argentina
 - Building a feminist decentralized cooperation. Extremadura, Spain.
 - Attiéké Project. Grands Ponts. Côte d'Ivoire.
 - Gizonduz, Basque Country.
 - Warmi Pichincha Center. Pichincha. Ecuador.
 - Gender training for prison officials and police. Tucuman, Argentina.
- 5:30 PM** **DEBATE**
- 5:45 PM** **CLOSURE**
Cecilia Alemany, Deputy Regional Director of UN Women for the Americas and the Caribbean.
Rachid el Abdi, President of ORU Fogar.

