



Red Mujer y Hábitat de América latina



Introduction

The Latin American Women and Habitat Network is formed by NGOs, women's organizations, and women's rights activists that are dedicated to advocating for greater gender equality in the arena of habitat, local territories and the city. It is a coalition with over 30 years of experience in conducting research projects, providing technical consulting, offering training and educational services, and coordinating social programmes and projects.

The main objectives of the Latin American Women and Habitat Network are the following:

- **To produce and disseminate knowledge, which is rooted in a gender-based perspective**, on issues related to access to land and housing, urban services, increased safety in cities, and local development and planning. An emphasis is placed on how women are affected by poverty and inequality.
- **To make gender equality a priority in the design and implementation of public policies and programmes** through initiatives to build awareness and strengthen the capabilities of governmental entities, educational institutions and women's organizations.
- **To improve women's quality of life** through programmes and projects developed via dialogue and collaboration with local governments and community organizations.

Thematic lines of action

Some of the most relevant lines of action of the Women and Habitat Network are the following:

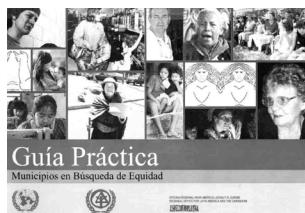
- **Coexistence and safety in the city:** violence against women in private and public spaces.
- **Housing and urban development:** access to land and the right to housing.
- **Everyday life and urban infrastructure:** the use of time and urban services.
- **Climate change and risk management:** natural disasters and the resilience of communities.

Programs and projects implemented on a regional scale

- “A Step Forward in the Implementation of Policies to Tackle Violence Against Women: Collaboration with the Law Enforcement Sectors in Colombia, Chile and El Salvador to Make Women Safer”. Project financed by the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women (2013-2016).
- “Cities without Violence Against Women, Safe Cities for All”. Regional Programme implemented in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, Peru and El Salvador. Coordinated by the Regional Office for Brazil and the Southern Cone of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Financed by the Spanish Agency of International Corporation for Development (2006-2012).
- “The Gender Inclusive Cities Programme”. Financed by the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women. Coordinated by Women in Cities International (2009-2012).
- “Safe Cities” Global Initiative, UN Women. In partnership with the Huairou Commission and Women in Cities International (2008-present).
- “Regional Initiative for the Equality of Women in Employment”. Project coordinated by PARES. Financed by the European Union (2007-2009).
- “Urban Gender Indicators – Tools for Urban Governance”. Project financed by UNIFEM (2000-2003).
- “Local Governments and Women’s Rights. A Guide for Local Governments”. Project financed by UNIFEM (1998-2000).

Knowledge production, training, and activities in local territories

- Regional Observatory “Cities, Violence and Gender” (www.ciudadesygenero.org).
- Online postgraduate course “Urban Violence, Insecurity and Discrimination: Towards a Shared Existence in the City from a Gender Perspective”.
- Online and in-person course “Law Enforcement Officials and Women’s Right to Violence-Free Cities”.
- Online Course “The Gendered Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture and Food Security”.
- Courses on municipal policies and gender.
- Academic programmes on leadership in local territories.
- Gender-based plans for territorial management and violence prevention; Equal Opportunity Plans that incorporate a dual focus on gender and safe cities; local agendas for women’s rights; local committees on women’s safety; gender-based design of public spaces.
- Protocols for Action for security employees and police officers in order to prevent violence against women.
- Awareness raising campaigns on women’s right to the city and a life free from violence (www.mujeresporlacuidad.org).



Publications 2000-2012



- *Manual de formación y gestión local para ciudades sin violencia hacia las mujeres* (Bogotá: AVP, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, 2012).
- *Construyendo ciudades seguras: Experiencias de redes de mujeres de América Latina* (Santiago: Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2011).
- *Bogotá sin violencia hacia las mujeres: un desafío posible* (Bogotá: AVP, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, ONU Hábitat, Alcaldía Mayor de Bogotá, D.C., Ajuntament de Barcelona, 2010).
- *Equidad de género: compartiendo la ciudad y sus barrios* (Santiago: Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2010).
- *Mujer y empleo: buscando la igualdad* (Lima: CMP Flora Tristán, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, 2009).
- *Women in the City. On Violence and Rights* (Santiago: Latin American Women and Habitat Network, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2009).
- *Violencia hacia las mujeres en políticas de seguridad* (Córdoba: CISCSA, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, 2008)
- *Living Together: Cities Free from Violence Against Women* (Santiago: Latin American Women and Habitat Network, UNIFEM, Ediciones SUR, 2007).
- *Guía para la formulación y ejecución de políticas municipales dirigidas a las mujeres* (2^a ed.). (Córdoba: CISCSA, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, UNIFEM, PNUD, ONU Hábitat, 2002).
- *Ciudad y vida cotidiana. Asimetrías en el uso del tiempo y del espacio* (Córdoba: CISCSA, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, 2002).
- *Ciudades para varones y mujeres. Herramientas para la acción* (Córdoba: CISCSA, Red Mujer y Hábitat AL, 2002).

The Latin American Women and Habitat Network is dedicated to disseminating and exchanging experiences related to its work on gender issues via participation in events and conferences, publications and its website (www.redmujer.org.ar). It has created an online catalogue that details numerous publications, where books, working documents and audio-visual materials can be accessed. A significant proportion of the publications available in a digital format can be downloaded free of charge. In addition, these publications can either be partially reproduced or reproduced in their entirety when the source is correctly cited. In the case that a publication cannot be downloaded, a request to purchase the material, or for a reproduction, can be sent to the Latin American Women and Habitat Network at: difusion@ciscsa.org.ar

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By participating in diverse networks, the Latin American Women and Habitat Network promotes rich relations based on cooperation and collaboration. Some of the partners with which the Latin American Women and Habitat engages are the following: The Huairou Commission (www.huairou.org); Habitat International Coalition (HIC) (www.hic-net.org); and the Ibero-American Union of Municipalists (UIM) (www.uimunicipalistas.org). It also plays an active role in spaces of debate and international advocacy coordinated by the United Nations, such as the World Urban Forum and the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as others.