

## F2FGender 2019: Thematic workshops on **Women's Political Participation**

Does women's political participation automatically lead to gender equality? No. Gender equality is not only a question of women's representation/participation in terms of numbers. It is about women's voice, leadership and influence, and gender-responsive policies.

Our hypothesis is: More women implicated in politics and leadership positions will also lead to more gender-responsive policies that promote gender equality. But important to note that men can also make gender-responsive policies. The key questions of our two workshops can be articulated as follows: **How to strengthen the influence and impact of women's political participation?**

To discuss this topic there are two thematic workshops on women's political participation being organized at the first day of the F2F (Monday 29 April):

- 1) One on women's representation and influence in local governance structures called "**From women's political representation to women's political empowerment**" (morning). This workshop will address the following question: How can we strengthen women's participation, influence and impact in local politics and governance?
- 2) The second workshop will focus on gender responsive and socially inclusive budgeting (afternoon): "**Gender-mainstreaming in Public Finance Management to promote gender-responsive policies**". It will be dedicated to the following question: How can we ensure that public policies and expenditures trigger positive change towards more gender equality and social inclusion?

### **1 From women's political representation to women's political empowerment**

This workshop will be dedicated to the following question:

**How to increase women's political representation/ participation and ensure that political participation of women is translated into influence and impact?**

- What are the relevant issues and key factors? (what's the analysis?)
- What are the main obstacles identified?
- What are the strategic actions needed?

We will look at two phases in the women's political participation process:

- Election and campaign: how to get elected?
- How to be/stay in office and perform? How to make impact? How to develop leadership and be accepted/recognized as leader?

Based on these questions, NPOs will share their experiences/lessons learnt and this will be followed by an open discussion. The presentations will take place as follows: a first speaker will present his case by answering the guiding questions above (7'). A second speaker, called "discussant", will respond to the presentation and compare it with his/her own experience (5').

This exercise will be done in two stages with the following speakers:

- 1) First speaker : Benin (Blandine Codjia Agossou)  
Discussant : Mali (Hamet Cisse)
- 2) First speaker : Bangladesh (Sohel Ibn Ali)  
Discussant : Tunisia (Saïd Zekri)

A short video on women political empowerment in Albania will be projected and introduced by Erisa Lame.

## Plan of workshop 1

Time	Program	Comment /Method
11.00	<p><b>Intro 10'</b> (Ursula)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation of topic</li> <li>○ Program and linkages between the 2 workshops</li> <li>○ Key questions</li> </ul> <p><u>Cross-cutting question (all workshops):</u></p> <p>1) What are key aspect, issues, learnings related to the sharing of responsibilities and (re-)distribution of unpaid care work?</p> <p>2) What are key aspects, issues, learnings related to EMB?</p>	Key questions and cross-cutting on Flip chart
11.10	<p><b>Presentations round (30')</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Case 1/Benin (Blandine) 7'</li> <li>○ Case 2/Bangladesh (Sohel) 7'</li> <li>○ Comprehension questions 3'</li> <li>○ Discussant 1/Mali (Hamet) 5'</li> <li>○ Discussant 2/Tunisia (Saïd) 5'</li> </ul>	Keep in mind the timing!
11.40	<p><b>Working Groups (40')</b>  <i>What is our Theory of change for women to get elected and to perform well in office and have influence?</i></p> <p><b>Based on inputs and own experiences:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key factors and main obstacles identified? (analysis)</li> <li>• What are the strategic actions needed to become more transformative and have impact?(change logic)</li> </ul> <p>Develop a Theory of change: If..., if..., then, because</p>	<p>Two parallel groups: French speaking / English speaking</p> <p>Key question on Flipchart</p> <p>Participants design a ToC on a flipchart (s. example Myanmar, the key topic/challenge at the center)</p> <p>Slide with instructions on on ToC</p>
12.20	<p><b>Discussion in Plenary (20')</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are our ToCs?</li> <li>- Compare the two ToCs</li> </ul>	
12.40	<b>Film Albania: Women in Politics Network (part 1) (5')</b>	From 3'-8:50' (5') Introduction by Erisa Lame
12.45	<b>Wrap up and end of Workshop</b>	

## 2 Gender-mainstreaming in public finance management to promote gender-responsive policies

This workshop will be dedicated to the following question:

**How public expenditure can trigger social and economic change towards gender equality and social inclusion?**

- What are the relevant issues and key factors? (what is the analysis)
- What are the main obstacles identified?
- What are the strategic actions needed?

We will look at the following issues:

- What are good practices to empower women (and socially excluded groups) to participate in budgetary decision-making processes in local level governance?
- What are the linkages between local level processes and national reforms and legal frameworks, and what are enabling, what are inhibitive factors?
- What are good examples of improved public policies and services implemented due to gender-responsive budgeting (and socially inclusive budgeting)?

This exercise will be done as follows:

- 1) First speaker: Kyrgyzstan (Elena Zakirova)  
Discussant 1: Mongolia (Erdenesaikhan Nyamjav)  
Discussant 2: Burkina Faso (Jean-Pierre Salambere)

### Plan of workshop 2

Time	Program	Comment /Method
14.15	<b>Intro (15')</b> Ursula <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Film Albania</li> <li>o Presentation of Topic, ,</li> <li>o Key questions</li> <li>o Working paper SI/GRB, Guidance Sheet and SI/GRB Framework</li> </ul>	Key questions on Flip chart  Film Albania: (part 2) (9:45-15') (introduce by Erisa ' )  SI/GRB Report, Guidance Sheet for display  Poster on SI/GRB Frame
14.25	<b>Presentation Round 30'</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Case 1 /Kyrgyzstan (Elena) 7'</li> <li>o Comprehension questions 3'</li> <li>o Discussant 1/Mongolia (Erdenesaikhan) 5'</li> <li>o Discussant 2 / Burkina (Jean-Pierre) 5'</li> <li>o Comprehension questions 5'</li> </ul>	Keep in mind the timing
14.55	<b>Working Groups:</b> Based on presentation and own experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o What are key factors and obstacles (which stage of Budget cycle?</li> <li>o What are strategic actions needed to become more transformative and have impact (what level, entry points)?</li> <li>o Place post it on the SI/GRB Frame /Poster</li> </ul>	Two groups: French speaking / English speaking)  Two Posters with SI/GRB Framework
15.35	<b>Discussion in Plenary (25')</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are our findings?</li> <li>- Compare the two Posters /ToCs</li> <li>- Wrap up</li> </ul>	
16.00	End of workshop	

### **3 Link to the field visits**

These two workshops are closely linked to the field visits (option "political participation") that will take place on the second day of the F2F and will allow us to discover the Swiss realities and experiences on women's political participation with various actors in this field. A first part of the visit will take us to the municipality of Köniz to discuss with representatives of the municipal, cantonal and federal levels the implementation of the gender equality law, the challenges and priorities, the resources available and the application (or not) of gender responsive budgeting at the three levels of the Swiss political system. The second visit will take us to Alliance F to exchange with Swiss female politicians from different parties on their situation (what does it mean to be a woman involved in politics in Switzerland?), the challenges they face, the factors facilitating their activity, etc. They will present their campaign "Helvetia calls", which aims to increase the number of female parliamentarians in the federal (and cantonal) elections of 2019 and thus mobilizes, supports and accompanies the female candidates.

### **4 Material needed for each workshop**

1-2 flipcharts / pinwands  
1 beamer  
Stylos  
Fiches de couleur /post it