

“Session 1: Promoting Urban Safety in Smart Sustainable Cities”

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Speakers

Opening session



Alioune Badiane

Director of Programme
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Alioune Badiane is responsible for the substantive operation of 7 branches and 4 regional offices of UN-Habitat. He is also a member of the Cities Alliance since inception and recently reappointed member of the Interim Board of Director. He holds Doctor Honoris Causa of Minna University in Nigeria. He is a Senior Urban and Regional Planner with an extensive working experience in both central and local governments and at international level. He joined UNCHS (Habitat) as Chief Technical Adviser-CTA and International Human Settlements Adviser to the Government of Haiti in 1991. In Oct 1992, he was appointed Regional Co-coordinator for Africa, Urban Management Programme. He joined UNCHS HQ in Nairobi in January 1999, as Director for the Region of Africa and the Arab States. These years of international endeavor between UNDP, UNCHS and the World Bank in addressing political and urban challenges in Africa provided him with real opportunities to contribute in shaping new approaches and strategies for urban development and management policy geared toward better governance of cities in Africa. Alioune, a Senegalese national, served his Government for 12 years (Ministries of Economic Planning, Housing, Urban development and Environment, Interior and Decentralization) and became the Director of City Planning and, later on, Principal Policy Advisor to the Mayor of Dakar, Senegal.



Domenica Carriero

Project Manager
 UNECE, Switzerland

Domenica Carriero is coordinating the “United Smart Cities” project at Housing and Land Management Unit in the Forests, Land and Housing Division of UNECE. She is also coordinating the UNECE project on energy efficiency standards in buildings. She holds a MBA in Sustainable Business, a Masters’ Degree in Foreign Languages and joined a PhD in English Philology. She has several years of experience in teaching, capacity building, marketing and communication, coordinating inter-governmental meetings and has served as a consultant for the private sector and start-ups. Domenica is specialized in marketing and communication, sustainability strategy and sustainable performance assessment. Her professional interests include corporate social responsibility, sustainable development, energy efficiency, and disaster risk reduction.

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Ellie Cosgrave

Research Associate, Liveable Cities Program
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Ellie is a Research Associate at UCL STEaPP. Her research for the City Leadership Initiative investigates how digital technology and the information economy challenge governance systems and structures in cities. Her work explores transformative approaches to policy making and governance of cities. Ellie undertook her Engineering Doctorate at the University of Bristol, sponsored by the Smart Cities team at Arup. Whilst at Arup she worked with London, Bristol, and Birmingham on their strategic planning around smart technology, as well as UK government and the C40 cities network. Her thesis investigated the policy and governance implications of the Smart City agenda and devised a practical framework for local authorities attempting to invest in this area.



Rosy Mondardini

Community & Partnerships
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Rosy is responsible for Community and Partnerships at the Citizen Cyberlab, a partnership between the European Particle Physics Laboratory, CERN, the UN Institute for Training and Research, UNITAR, and the University of Geneva. The lab develops new forms of public participation in research by initiating projects and organising events that encourage citizens and scientists to collaborate in new ways to solve big challenges. At the lab she leads The Open Seventeen challenge, an invitation to pitch projects that use open data and crowdsourcing to tackle the 17 Global Goals at a local, regional or global level. Before joining the Citizen Cyberlab in Oct 2015, Rosy was managing the Young Global Leaders Alumni community at the World Economic Forum, and she was busy engaging this unique, multi-stakeholder community of extraordinary leaders in discussions and activities focused on global issues.



Kalpana Viswanath

Co-Founder
Safetipin

Kalpana Viswanath is a researcher who has been working on issues of gender and safer cities for women for over 20 years. She is the co-founder of Safetipin, a mobile app developed to support community and women's safety. She has worked as a consultant with UN Women and UN Habitat on issues of gender and urban safety on several projects around the world and has led research studies on violence against women in public spaces in cities. She was the Project Director of the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme with Women in Cities International, an international network on women and cities. She has also provided technical support to safe city for women programs in Cambodia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Kerala, Mumbai and Kolkata. She is a Board member of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) and the Chair of the International Advisory Committee of Women in Cities International (WICI). She has co-edited a book on Building Gender Inclusive Cities.



Kathryn Travers

Executive Director
Women in cities international

As Executive Director of Women in Cities International (WICI), Kathryn oversees WICI's programmes, projects and research. She has a successful history of developing and managing programmes in Canada and internationally and has effectively worked to broaden the understanding of women's safety by bringing an intersectional approach to her work and by collaborating with different groups of women and girls to explore new related issues (accessibility, essential services, adolescence, etc.). Kathryn has led the development of new and innovative tools for capturing data about women's and girls' safety experiences in urban environments and has led training workshops in several countries. She has contributed to the development of groundbreaking research reports, and was a co-organizer of the Third International Conference on Women's Safety. Before joining WICI, Kathryn worked for ICPC on issues of women's safety, youth at risk and urban safety.