

Report of the Gender-Friendly Roundtable Discussion

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Highlights of Discussion:

1. Transformative leadership is key in mainstreaming gender into local policies, programmes and practices. (Banda Aceh)
2. We learn best when we learn from each other. Gender is not just about the sorry plight of women, but also opportunities to inspire, replicate and upscale positive experiences (SPARC, India)
2. Gender issues are experienced by developed societies. No one is exempt from it, although the form and nature vary. (Yokohama)

Recommendations for Mainstreaming Gender in CITYNET

- Gender is not a separate issue from the whole agenda of CITYNET, rather should be “lens” from which ALL policies, programmes, activities should be examined.
- CITYNET to replicate, upscale and promote exchanges among city stakeholders on practical solutions and innovations in addressing gender issues as there many good examples in Asia.
- CITYNET to help cities in improving and measuring performance in promoting gender equality in local governance.