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## Women Taking the Lead:

## Designing and Monitoring Sustainable and Gender-Responsive Infrastructures

This panel discussion will highlight the efforts of women's groups towards inclusive rural and urban development globally. Speakers will touch on; (1) the role of women as critical designers, implementers, and monitors of sustainable urban development; (2) the importance of bringing constituencies of grassroots women from rural, peri-urban, and urban areas with proven partnership and organizing methodologies to development planning; and (3) partnerships between networks of women's organizations and local government and elected officials in support of policies that ensure decentralized decision-making and budgeting are responsive and accountable to communities.

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