THE MISSION OF METROPOLIS WOMEN, WHOSE WORK STARTED IN BERLIN IN 2005, IS TO CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION SPACE FOR WOMEN WHO HOLD A POLITICAL POSITION EITHER BY ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT AND FEMALE EXECUTIVES, DIRECTORS AND INDIVIDUALS OPERATING IN THE LOCAL AND METROPOLITAN ENVIRONMENT.
IS A FORUM FOR SHARING EXPERIENCES
and cooperation between women working at as managers of our metropolises, public policy leaders, businesswomen, professionals, civil society leaders and academics;

THAT WAS SET UP IN 2005
in order to introduce the gender perspective into the association's debates and activities as an action strategy to achieve real and effective equality between men and women, and to eventually ensure that our metropolises are more egalitarian, safe and inclusive;

AND AIMS TO
promote women’s active participation in decision-making in Metropolis and to motivate our members to make a commitment to gender equality.

OBJECTIVES

Mainstream gender into our association

01

Identify and share good practices in gender mainstreaming between our members and carry out projects that create and generate knowledge among them

02

Position Metropolis as a global leader in gender mainstreaming in metropolitan urban policies

03

MAIN AREAS OF WORK

Metropolis encourages and promotes urban development that is sensitive to the social, economic, cultural, environmental and all aspects of gender-related issues. The association works, therefore, to establish global and regional agendas to ensure women’s rights at the various international forums in which it is represented.

HOW CAN YOUR METROPOLIS GET INVOLVED?
Participation in Metropolis Women is a visible demonstration of our members’ commitment to empower women and ensure their rights. Metropolis members can join this network by filling out our engagement form at no additional cost whatsoever.
ACTIVITIES
We organise and actively participate in:

- Events organised by international bodies such as UN-Habitat, UN Women, the Huairou Commission, UCLG, etc.
- Specific debates and other sessions for sharing at a national and an international level
- Activities within the framework of Metropolis World Congresses and Annual Meetings
- Working meetings to share experiences and co-operation

WHAT DOES ‘GENDER MAINSTREAMING’ MEAN?
This involves being alert to the different circumstances of women and men in society and designing initiatives appropriate to or intended to provide a response to them in order to arrive at real and effective equality between the two sexes. It is a strategy based on gender-related action and focus. It is not just a matter of creating and mounting initiatives aimed specifically at women but of designing, implementing and evaluating the full range of policies while identifying and anticipating their impact on women and men. Consequently, it is a question of promoting the inclusion of the gender perspective in the organisation, planning and execution of policies.
**REPRESENTATION**

The exchanges and partnerships forged within the network prevail over any geographical and cultural distance or difference, thereby strengthening the empowerment of women and the promotion of gender equality in major cities around the entire world. The 18 regional antennas that are part of the network today play a strategic part in increasing and improving our capacity for social transformation.

**STRUCTURE**

The structure of the Metropolis Women International Network is based on a presidency and five regional vice-presidencies. In addition, to facilitate and support the network’s activities, it has a coordination unit within the Metropolis Secretariat General.

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18/05/2015 To 21/05/2015
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Hyderabad