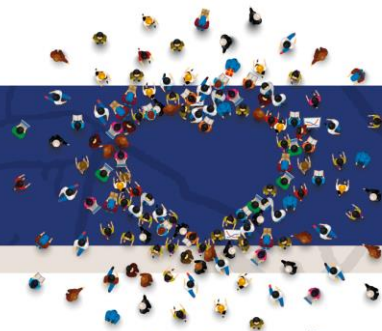


Item 2.2 – Annex 8

CANDIDATURES TO CHAIR OF THE UCLG STANDING COMMITTEE ON GENDER EQUALITY

This annex includes the biographies and motivation letters or manifestos that the candidates to Chair of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality submitted. In alphabetical order:

- **Abdel Malick, Fatimetou**, President of Nouakchott Regional Council
- **Cosse, Carolina**, Mayor of Montevideo





Biography of the President of Nouakchott Region, President of UCLG Africa

Name and surname: Fatimetou Abdel Malick
Date and place of birth: 28 September 1958 in Tamchekett (Mauritania)
Marital status: Mother of de 3

Studies and degrees:

Years	Institutions attended	Diplomas and certificates obtained
1969 - 1974	School 2 and 7 of the capital, school 2 of Rosso	CEPEF and CEPEA
1974 - 1978	Middle School of Girls and Middle School of Rosso	Middle School Diploma "Brevet" (French and Arabic)
1979 - 1982	Rosso High School and National High School	Bachelor's Degree "Bac D"
1982 - 1983	University de DAKAR (Faculty of Science)	1st Year Agricultural Engineer
1983 - 1985	University of Louvain (Belgium)	ESPO applications
1985 - 1989	University of Louvain (Belgium)	Management Information Systems Engineer

**Spoken and written languages: ARABIC and FRENCH
English: intermediate**

Functions occupied:

- 1990-1995: Director of the House of Computing and Publishing;
- 1996-1998: Deputy Head of the Computer Department at the Banque de l'Habitat;
- 1999-2001: Network Administrator at BADH;
- 2001- Nov. 2006: Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina (1st term);
- May 2007-October 2008: Secretary General of the Ministry of Equipment, Urban Planning and Housing (MHUAT);
- October 2008- October 2019 : Officer at the Prime Minister's Office.
- April 2008: Re-elected Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina (2nd term).
- December 2013: Re-elected Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina (3rd term).
- September 2018: Elected President of Nouakchott Region.
- May 2022: Elected President of UCLGAfrica,

Autres Titres et Expériences :

- Vice-president of the Association of Mayors of Mauritania (AMM)
- Member of the Board of the International Association of Francophone Mayors.
- President of the Sports and Cultural Association of Tevragh-Zeina (Football Club).
- President of REFELA-Mauritania (at the end of the Forum organized in Nouakchott on 27 and 28 March 2012).
- Elected President of the Network of Local Elected Women of Africa (REFELA) at the end of the Africities Summit held in Dakar from December 4 to 8, 2012.
- Nominated by the UN as Champion for Resilient Cities in May 2013 in Geneva.
- Member of the Habitat III Expert Collective, Policy Unit 8 for Urban Ecology and Resilience
- Mayor Champion for the Inclusive Growth in Cities Campaign.

Awards:

- **Medalist of the FAO in 2005.**
- **Medal “Chevalier d’Ordre d’Honneur” in February 2013, from Congo Brazzaville.**
- **Named Champion for Resilience by the United Nations in 2012.**
- **UCLGA Medal for City Governance in 2015.**
- **Medal “Chevalier of the Order of National Merit” of the President of Mauritania 2020.**
- **Medal “Chevalier of the Legion of Honor” of the French Republic August 2021.**



[Courtesy translation from the original in French]

To
Ms Emilia Saiz
Secretary General of UCLG
Barcelona

Subject: Letter of candidature of Ms. Fatimetou Abdel Malick for the Presidency of the Committee on Gender Equality of UCLG.

Madam Secretary General,

Following a democratic process conducted within the African section of UCLG, my peers have nominated me as the candidate of Africa for the position of Chair of the UCLG Committee on Gender Equality. Indeed, I have been chosen by my peers to bring the experience of Africa and its contribution to the construction of the Municipal Feminist Movement initiated and supported by UCLG.

A founding member of the Network of Local Elected Women of Africa (REFELA) since 2011, I had the privilege of being its President from 2012 to 2015, and Vice-President for the other mandates. Activist of municipal feminism, I have never stopped working for the involvement of women in the political representation of local and regional governments, in the advocacy for capacity building of elected women but also and especially for their integration and consideration in our networks such as UCLG Africa, UCLG, AIMF, and in other networks where I represented my city at first and now my region of Nouakchott during more than 20 years of local management.

As an early activist, I was a founding member of the Gender Equality Committee of UCLG. Everywhere I have been the voice of the women of UCLG to advocate for a greater presence and a fairer consideration of the place of women and girls in our local, national and international institutions.

Under the leadership of Ms. Anne Hidalgo, then Chair of the Committee on Gender Equality, a remarkable work has been conducted with undeniable achievements, resulting everywhere in a more and more assertive consideration of the role of women and women's leadership in public life, in the economic, social and cultural life of our territories. This work has been remarkably relayed and amplified in Africa thanks to the continuous mobilization of REFELA members.

The access of many women as Mayor or President of large cities or metropolitan regions and in many intermediary cities, especially in Africa, is further proof that the advocacy work in favor of the presence of women in territorial governance and the promotion of women's priorities in territorial public policies undertaken by UCLG under the impetus of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality is beginning to bear fruit.

We owe partly to these efforts the emergence today of Women Mayors or Presidents elected in several large cities, metropolises or African regions such as Accra, Banjul, Casablanca, Freetown, Johannesburg, Libreville, Lusaka, Marrakech, Nairobi, Rabat, Tunis, etc.



My commitment and experience in REFELA as well as in the UCLG Standing Committee for Gender Equality with its Chair, Anne Hidalgo, have prepared me to assume the function of Chair of the aforementioned Committee, for which I am a candidate.

With this new commitment, I wish to continue and carry ever higher the torch of the worldwide municipal feminist movement promoted by UCLG.

I want to amplify and strengthen the leadership, the collegial spirit and the inclusion of all the sections of UCLG in the leadership of the Committee. In fact, if I am elected Chair of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality in Daejeon, in addition to working to strengthen the achievements, I will propose to the members of the Committee:

- to systematically organize a meeting of the Committee in conjunction with the meetings of the World Council or the Executive Bureau;
- to restructure the leadership of the Committee by appointing a Vice-President for each section of UCLG;
- to provide the Committee with a secretariat to ensure the monitoring of issues of interest to the Committee and the follow-up of the implementation of its resolutions;
- to work on the establishment of a Network of Local Elected Women within each regional section, based on the model of REFELA;
- to launch global campaigns demonstrating the mobilization of the leaders of the global feminist movement on priority subjects for women and those having an important impact on the improvement of the condition of women in contemporary society.

I pledge, with the support of all, to pursue with even greater determination our fight for Gender Equality wherever it is needed, starting with the Local and Regional Governments.

I am committed to advocating for gender equality by targeting in particular States interested in achieving gender equality, civil society organizations involved in this cause, relevant United Nations organizations, and the private sector, as part of its social and environmental responsibility.

This is the meaning of my candidacy, which shows my desire to continue the work of Ms. Anne Hidalgo and to make my modest contribution to the building of our common home, UCLG.

Ms Fatimetou Abdel Malick
[Signature]

Carolina Cosse

Mayor of Montevideo (Term: 2020-2025)



Carolina Cosse is an Electrical Engineer graduated from the School of Engineering of the Universidad de la República in 1991. In 2009 she obtained a Master's degree in Mathematical Engineering. She is passionate about mathematics and music of different styles.

She has worked in the private sector, directing numerous engineering and management projects in Uruguay and other Latin American countries. She has provided professional services to Uruguayan public companies such as UTE, the Banco de Previsión Social and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From 2007 to 2010, she held her first political government position. She was the Director of the Information Technology Division of the Municipal Government of Montevideo, where she carried out very significant projects for the lives of Montevideo's residents.

From 2010 to 2015 she was the president of Antel, where she promoted the democratization of access to ICTs and important infrastructure projects, which led the company to the first place in Latin America, highlighting: the national fiber optic network, the international level Datacenter, the submarine cable interconnecting Uruguay with the United States, the Vera+ channel, the Ceibal educational connectivity, and the Antel Arena.

She was Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining from 2015 to 2019. She oriented her administration towards a strong implementation of policies to boost national industrial production, contribute to the diversification of the energy matrix, promote the development of the mining sector, telecommunications and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, particularly innovative industries such as audiovisual, design, electronics, robotics and artificial intelligence.

In the national elections of October 2019, she was elected Senator of the Republic.

In the local elections of September 2020, she was elected Mayor of Montevideo, a position she will hold until 2025.



**Intendencia
Montevideo**

[Courtesy translation from the original in Spanish]

Montevideo, 9 September 2022

Dear UCLG colleagues,

I am writing to you on the occasion of our World Congress in Daejeon, Korea, next October.

Since its birth in 2004, thanks to the joint work of all its members and partners, our beloved UCLG has established itself as the most important organization of subnational and regional governments with global reach in the world.

Today the organization is a key player in the multilateral system; it is a spokesperson and defender of democratic local autonomy and a promoter of its values, objectives and interests through cooperation among local governments and before the entire international community.

As Mayor of Montevideo, I have had the honor and responsibility of holding the Vice-Presidency of our organization for the Latin American region. This role has allowed me to work together with you for a more and better articulation between the different cities, metropolitan areas, regions and associations of our region and the world.

Currently, thanks to the will of all Latin American members of UCLG, our region is going through a new stage of institutional and political consolidation, in accordance with the times and challenges we are facing. Within this framework, the constitution of the Single Secretariat of our section is a reflection of this new regional process.

Based on a long history of work for gender equality, defense and promotion of women's rights, from Montevideo we have supported every instance of UCLG that promotes feminist municipalism. To defend gender equality in our cities is to work so that the men and women of our communities receive from our public policies the necessary tools to achieve equal opportunities and rights; only in this way will we be able to achieve a full right to the city, consolidating free citizens with more and better democracy.



**Intendencia
Montevideo**

The COVID-19 pandemic presented itself as a window of opportunity to accelerate changes in our cities and bring about profound transformations. During the course of the pandemic, we realized that there was still a long way to go and today, having overcome the worst phase of the pandemic, we have an economically and socially more unequal world in which women are the most affected.

To this situation we must add a climate of global conflict to which no community should remain oblivious. Building communities of peace requires local leadership and an enormous willingness to negotiate, articulate, engage in diplomacy and build global citizenship.

For all of the above reasons, I hereby present my candidacy for the Presidency of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality.

This initiative is motivated by the will to promote, from our global community, the necessary changes to advance towards gender equality in our territories and to strengthen governments in order to contribute to the care of the planet. We have made a pact for the future that requires the commitment of all of us, so the contribution of the Committee will be fundamental to achieve our objectives. The future begins today, working by and for all, leaving no one behind, where the equality for which we work so hard is reflected in a feminist leadership, representative of municipalism; not for a mere symbolic constitution, but so that from that place we can promote profound changes and support the construction of more egalitarian cities.

We want the diversity of our community to be embodied in a Latin American presidency in the Committee, where dialogue, articulation and listening are our pillars of action.



**Intendencia
Montevideo**

We have a great challenge, but at the same time a great opportunity to deepen the participation of women in the decision-making spheres so that their voice is heard, their rights are respected and their freedom is guaranteed. I invite you to build and work together to achieve these objectives.

I look forward to our next meeting and extend to you a warm greeting with my highest esteem.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Ing. Carolina Cosse
Mayor of Montevideo



Montevideo, 1st August 2022

Emilia Saiz
Secretary General of United Cities and Local
Governments (UCLG)

Subject: Acceptance of terms of reference. UCLG Presidency 2022-2025

Dear Secretary General,

I, the undersigned, Mayor of Montevideo, Engineer Carolina Cosse, hereby declare to accept the "Terms of Reference for the Roles and Responsibilities of the Presidency" of UCLG, adopted by the 2015 Executive Bureau in Paris, upon recommendation of the Committee on Statutory Affairs, as well as its subsequent modifications and concordant rules.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Carolina Cosse Mayor of
Montevideo