



**25th SESSION OF THE
GOVERNING COUNCIL**
17 - 23 APRIL 2015 ♦ NAIROBI

Monday, 20 April 2015 – Venue: Conference Room 10

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Nairobi, Kenya

SIDE EVENT

**Grassroots Mechanism a tools to promote meaningful
engagement and gender equality:
the way forward to localizing the Post 2015 development agenda
and existing urban/rural linkages**

Huairou Commission and Slum Dwellers International

Background

To highlight the crucial role of women and communities at grassroots level in localizing the Post 2015 development agenda through actively engagement in designing, planning, monitoring and evaluating means of implementation.

Purpose

As business and developers buy up land, it's also increasing the number of communities living in "peri-urban" areas that are being increasingly built up face on-going challenges with growing their own food and holding on to land, particularly for women and communities who do not have tenure security.

This reflects land interventions top down approaches that rural and urban communities experience daily. In this context, urban/rural sustainability can only occur effectively with meaningful engagement and influence of communities within land administration and management processes.

This side event will show-case and harvest lessons learned from established tools and approaches to increasing community development, and making participatory mechanisms function in a meaningful way. This will include experiences from across regions that aim to ensure enabling environment and enhance the ability of women and local communities to effectively implement the Post 2015 development agenda.