Cities around the world are increasingly developing climate adaptation and resilience strategies. Due to the different effects of climate change on men and women, these urban adaptation actions need to take on a gendered approach to ensure that proposed solutions do not exacerbate existing gender inequalities in cities. Yet, many adaptation plans fail to capitalize on women’s knowledge who are often the first responders when disaster strikes and also hold the role of the household and community educators. Moreover, since women tend to be poorly represented in urban decision-making on climate action, gender dimensions are rarely prioritized in urban planning and policies on climate action and adaptation.

Cities Alliance and the Université Libre de Bruxelles are hosting this Urban Thinkers Campus event to discuss this significant issue with urban practitioners and representatives from the European Union, civil society organizations and academia. This way the UTC aims to understand how the EU can support women-led climate adaptation actions in cities and what is needed in order to improve gender mainstreaming across urban climate adaptation plans. The event will collectively identify a set of concrete recommendations and actions.

Thursday, 2nd June 2022
11:00 - 13:30 (CET)

Auditorium Victoire Bourgeois ULB, 19 Place E. Flagey, Brussels

The event will be held in a hybrid format and streamed online.

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