In many parts of the world, women and girls frequently experience harassment in urban spaces, and poorly lit spaces increase their vulnerability to physical violence. These dynamics affect the use and enjoyment of city spaces by half the population, and their exclusion from public spaces, in turn reinforces stereotypes related to gender, class, and unpaid labor.

To build more green and inclusive cities we need to be creative in our approach to urban design – championing participatory engagement that breaks down barriers and amplifies women’s voices. The close-door event will bring together key representatives from civil society, local and national governments, as well as international experts, to share experiences and ideas on how to better engage women in creating and activating public spaces and green areas in Jordanian historical cities.