

CREATING INCLUSIVE CLIMATE ACTION IN MENA CITIES

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MENA cities are especially susceptible to climate change impacts, such as desertification, land degradation, food insecurity, resource competition, and climate-induced displacement. Migrants, women and the youth are experiencing the greatest impacts of climate change, which can deepen pre-existing divides and expose those groups to new vulnerabilities.

Cities Alliance envisions climate-proof cities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region that benefit all residents. Our work in the region is focusing on protecting and empowering migrants, women and communities affected by climate change and disasters. Read here how:



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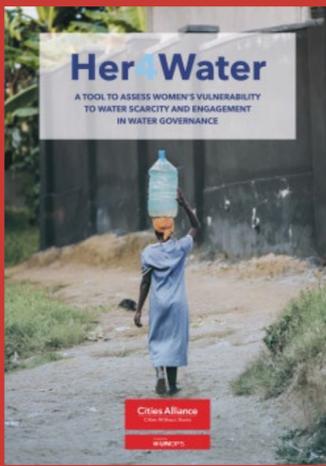
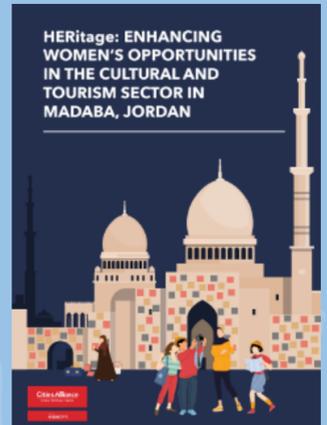
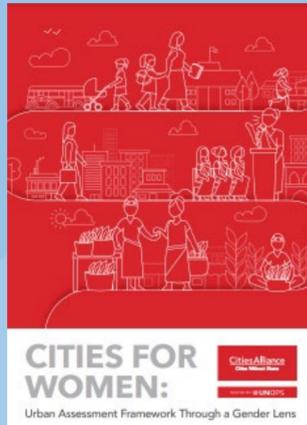
WHAT IS BLOCKING CITIES FROM BEING INCLUSIVE AND RESILIENT?

Giulia Maci, Gender Specialist and MENA region manager at Cities Alliance, speaks with Hanne Knaepen from ECDPM in the ECDPM's podcast series 'Minding the gap: conversations on gender'. This episode investigates how women empowerment, climate action, and urban development are interlinked.



WOMEN ENGAGEMENT IN CITIES (WEC) TOOL APPLIED IN MADABA, JORDAN

The role of cultural heritage in facilitating resilience and knowledge potential has long been overlooked in urban development in Jordan. Cities Alliance organised a participatory workshop on 26 September 2023 in Madaba, Jordan partnering with the municipality and governorate. Applying the Cities Alliance Women's Engagement in Cities (WEC) framework, the potentials for women's empowerment in the tourism and heritage sector were analyzed.



FEMMES ET VILLES DURABLES PILOTS HER4WATER TO ASSESS IMPACT OF WATER SCARCITY ON WOMEN

Water scarcity is a global crisis that disproportionately impacts women. To be sustainable and inclusive, cities need solutions to managing water that engage women. Applying Cities Alliance's Her4Water tool, the "Femmes et Villes Durables" initiative is piloting projects in three MENA cities that empower women's role in sustainable water management.

SUMMARY BROCHURE



BLOG

HOW HOT CITIES ARE FUELING INEQUALITIES

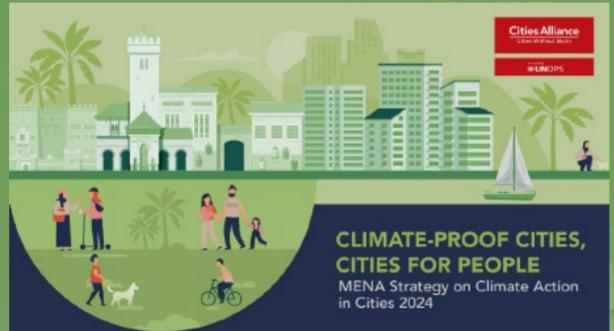
Cities are getting hotter! With up to 10-15°C compared to their rural surroundings, cities, due to their material density, are becoming hotter every year. This blog explores inclusive methodological approaches of finding innovative solutions to address urban heat, which benefit the most vulnerable.

"WOMEN BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CITIES" INSIGHTS INTO CITIES ALLIANCE EVENT AT COP28

At the 28th climate conference in Dubai, Cities Alliance hosted a panel focusing on women's participation in climate action in cities, especially in the MENA region. The discussion addressed key questions about forging gender mainstreaming paths in climate initiatives. The panel explored experiences from Tunisia, Mauritania, and Morocco, shedding light on the interplay of climate and gender.

MENA STRATEGY "CLIMATE-PROOF CITIES, CITIES FOR PEOPLE"

Cities Alliance is launching its new Strategy 2024 for the MENA region "Climate-proof Cities, Cities for people". Outlining challenges, identifying key actors and partners, and providing a roadmap for Cities Alliance's work on climate adaptation in the region, this strategy will be steering all engagements in the region.



EVENT

SAVE THE DATE: BRAINSTORMING LAB: BACK TO THE FUTURE: HERITAGE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FOR TODAY'S MEDITERRANEAN CITIES

Cities Alliance invites you to the **Brainstorming Lab: Back to the future: Heritage-based Climate Solutions for Today's Mediterranean Cities** in the **UN House (Brussels)** for the **22nd of March, 10am - 12pm**. Collaboratively with key actors from the MENA region, NGOs, the EU and UN organisations we will develop a toolkit for heritage-based climate solutions, by reflecting on existing technologies and exploring pathways of application in today's cities. The results of this lab will be a regional approach and a jointly developed toolkit that can be used readily to drive meaningful change and promote resilient cities.

