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Panel 2.1: Empowering Women, Strategies for the Home, Workplace and Community

Can Happy Women Make Happier Cities?

There is growing literature on the importance of happy cities and how we can create them through planning and urban design interventions. What are happy cities for women living in diverse cultures in the Asia Pacific region? What do women seek for their happiness in cities?

The objective of the presentation is to respond to these questions about the links between women and happy cities in diverse cultures and to discuss potential strategies to build happier cities (in terms of home, workplace and community) from a women's perspective. We will also critically review a few initiatives from different countries in the Asia Pacific region for building women-friendly cities and draw some policy implications for working towards happier cities.