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Unique opportunity to network with influential women from cities all over the world

Metropolis Women International Network Forum *Connecting Women in Cities*
Wednesday 22 October, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, NSW

30 September 2008: Metropolis Congress 2008 today announced details of the Metropolis Women International Network Forum - an event designed to connect, inspire and educate people on women's role in the community, environment and leadership of our cities.

Featuring a line-up of inspiring women from Australia and around the world, the full day program will take place on Wednesday 22 October 2008 as part of Metropolis Congress 2008 in Sydney, and discuss the roles of women as citizens and decision-makers. Speakers already confirmed include:

- **Dr Shubha Raul**, Mayor of Mumbai, India
- **Francine Senecal**, Vice-Chair of the City of Montreal Executive Committee, Montreal, Canada
- **Dr. Masoumeh Abad**, City Councillor, Tehran Islamic City Council, Islamic Republic of Iran
- **The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP**, Federal Minister for the Status of Women
- **The Hon. Clover Moore MP**, Lord Mayor of Sydney
- **Dr Kerry Schott**, Managing Director of Sydney Water
- **Maria Atkinson**, Global Head of Sustainability, Lend Lease

The Metropolis Women International Network Forum, titled *Connecting Women in Cities*, will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to learn from and network with women from major cities including Antananarivo, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Delhi, Montreal, Mumbai, Paris, Seoul and Tehran, focusing on three key themes:

- Women and Community – looking at family, safety, violence prevention, social inclusion and female migration
- Women and the Environment – looking at urban sustainability, food security, waste management and climate change
- Women Leadership – looking at decision making, political representation, local democracy and the voice of women

The *Connecting Women in Cities* forum will feature practical workshops, showcasing successful strategies, experiences and projects on empowering women, intended to provide learning and networking opportunities for all participants.

Full program details are available online at: www.metropoliscongress2008.com

Event details:

Date: Wednesday 22 October 2008

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, NSW

Cost: \$195 including GST, or free of charge as part of full Metropolis Congress 2008 registration

Register now: www.metropoliscongress2008.com or contact info@metropoliscongress.com

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