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I am speaking on behalf of the women major group, but originally I am from Ukraine. Now, more than 45 days and nights the millions of Ukrainians are staying on the freezy streets and squares in the many of Ukrainian towns and cities. Why are they striking? it is easy: they are protecting the future what they want, because they have been excluded from the very important decision about their future, when Ukrainian governments, suddenly, took decision not to sign the Association with European Union, not taking into account that majority of Ukrainian society are connecting their future with the high level of the human values of the European Union. This Ukrainian example of the self mobilization of millions for to protect the future what people want, is demonstrating to us that exact now is good time and opportunity to develop as the main urban Sustainable Development Goal - the Goal of inclusion of the urban stakeholders, man and women, people of all ages, religions, abilities, poorest of the poor, active citizens and the marginal groups into the process of transformational, participatory, inclusive, gender responsive sustainable urban redesigning and sustainable urban planning. This sustainable urban redesigning in the post 2015 nearest 5 years should to be the main means to improve urban social cohesion and safety, as well as increase social, environmental and economical justice and to be addressed to human rights and to the equal opportunities for all urban dwellers.

What should to be the sustainable development urban targets?

The sustainable urban development goals and targets should to be matter of the billions, but not only the matter of minority. It is possible? Yes! As the example for this I would like to use the example which came from Turkey. Millions of Turkey people stand up for the protection of Taxim park for to save their green public area. The similar strikes for protection the green areas and public spaces were happened everywhere, at least in Central, East Europe and Central Asia and mobilized the millions. It mean that the target of protection of green urban and safe public spaces, or "urban green infrastructure" and recognition that the "green infrastructures" is the same important as the hard infrastructure, which provides ecosystem services as well as a range social goods to billions obviously should to be indicated as the sustainable developing target.

The key urban sustainable development targets should to inspire millions for its implementation and should to include the needs to reduce emissions; increase efficiency; address crime and violence; redesigning the slums for avoiding from stress relating to crowding, insecurity, and lack of services; built flexible transportation systems and services to facilitate mobility (e.g. pedestrian, cycling and non- motorized transport promotion) and integrating gender aspects in transport services.

