



# GENDERING SMART CITIES

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# **SDG INDICATORS**

**OINDICATOR 4.4.1** Proportion of youth and adults with information and communications technology (ICT) skills, by type of skill

**OINDICATOR 5.b.1** Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex

**OINDICATOR: 9.c.1** Proportion of population covered by a mobile network, by technology

**OINDICATOR 17.8.1** Proportion of individuals using the Internet





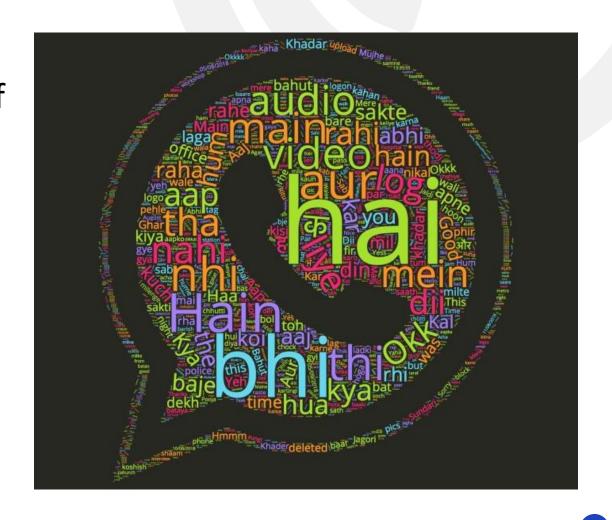






### **AUTHORSHIP AS EMPOWERMENT**

Authorship is the ability to speak, write, curate and direct the future of the city in one's own terms, based on one's experiences of struggles and hardships, and making these visible and legitimate in the public domain





#### **AUTHORSHIP IS POLITICAL**

In the digital age, authorship is a form of decolonial storytelling, where ordinary and everyday stories of struggle are transformed into political artefacts, thus profoundly changing the social nature of the digital space and its potential to influence public policy.





# AUTHORSHIP AS TRANSLOCAL SOLIDARITY

 Authoring in and through digital technologies is a form of translocal solidarity across digital, social and physical places which have traditionally excluded women and girls from the working classes despite decades of policies on gender and development.





#### **AUTHORSHIP IS FREEDOM**

 Using genres of authorship that have wide appeal in a digital age such as selfies, free verse, shorthand and emojis, women use both parody and dark humour to transform shame, humiliation and fear into reflection, refusal and resistance.















"Guys, look at my new selfy"

# DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION POLICY FOR THE FUTURE

 Focus on the tools and spaces that will enable alternative forms of 'writing' from the grassroots.

• Enable spaces and pathways through which women and girls can tell their stories in their own words, on their own terms.

 Reimagine self-authorship as a political tool for gendered freedom, choice and agency

