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Women in a global society

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Millennia2015 had its first meeting in 2008, prepared and organized by Marie-Anne Delahaut with the Destree Institute in Liège, it is hence 4 years since the first meeting. Marie-Anne is going on working intensely on the development of Millennium2015.

In only 4 years Millennium2015 has been recognized world wide in its role of making women aware of their capacities in many parts of the world. Women are joining continuously because of its clear aim of making women aware of these capacities which are centred on being actors of development in a complex world.

Women still need to develop more and more the awareness of their specific gifts which enables them to face and solve the issues that emerge in an ever changing society and hence complex society.

The society in which women and men live, becomes in fact more and more global, complex and interrelated. In such a society women are not always considered as actors capable of facing the new issues of such a society. Instead much has yet to be done to understand that women have in general gifts that make them capable of facing the present society. Women themselves are often incapable of being aware of such capacity. In my view Millennium2015 does exactly this: making women aware of their capacity to face and operate in an ever changing society, which is global, complex and interrelated, as a previously said.

The interesting thing is that women in all cultures, in my view, are invisible to themselves as actors of change, because unaware of their capacities to face changes. I would say women are invisible to themselves in facing such task. This is the task that Millennium2015

has and is developing ever more by acting and promoting the development of women's capacities and thus making them visible to themselves and to the societies in which they live.

A great part of women's capabilities is centred on their capacity to look at the future. In the long time I have spent in futures studies, it has become clear to me that looking into the future comes more easily to women than to men. I am saying comes more easily, not that women are better than men in this area, as I have found in many years research in different countries including in the so called developing countries. It can be objected that it is because of motherhood but it is present also in women who are not mothers.

I wish to conclude by saying that this is one of the reasons both for the creation of Millennia2015 by a woman, Marie-Anne Delahaut, and its rapid development around the world as it is intended for women all over the world.