



COP29 side event

The Power of Finance: Women's Leadership for a just energy transition

Date: 21st November 2024

Time: 12:00 - 13:00 hs

Location: UNIDO Pavillion, A7 Blue zone

Co-organizers:

- Gender and Energy Compact ([UNIDO](#), [ENERGIA](#), [GWNET](#), [SEforAll](#))
- [Global Cleantech Innovation Programme](#)
- [Energy Community](#)

On November 21, 2024, we will host a session focused on the crucial role of women in the energy workforce and the financial mechanisms that support their inclusion. Despite their significant potential, women in the energy sector face numerous challenges and barriers, including limited access to financing, underrepresentation in decision-making roles, and structural inequalities that hinder their participation and advancement. Addressing these issues is essential for unlocking the full potential of women as key drivers of the energy transition.

Women are crucial to the future energy workforce, not only as administrative staff but also as technical experts, managers, and entrepreneurs. They are an important piece of the puzzle in avoiding a lack of educated workforce that would hinder the necessary development of the sustainable energy sector.

This dialogue will explore how integrating gender considerations into the energy sector can enhance productivity and sustainability, aligning with the ongoing revisions of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the UNFCCC Just Transition Work Programme.



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Key discussions will address the barriers women face in accessing energy-related economic opportunities and the importance of gender-responsive financing to empower women entrepreneurs in clean energy and cleantech. Panelists will share insights on effective strategies to incorporate gender equality into local and national Just Transition Plans, emphasizing the need for targeted financial resources to support women-led initiatives. The session aims to generate actionable recommendations to create a more inclusive and equitable energy transition, ensuring that women play a central role in shaping a sustainable energy future.

Session Goals

- Advocate for Gender Perspectives in Climate Strategies and Identify Funding Needs
- Highlight Financial Mechanisms and Support for Gender-Responsive Climate and Energy Strategies
- Provide Recommendations for the Gender Energy Compact

Speakers

- Ms. Camilla Roman, Senior Technical Specialist, Just Transition, International Labour Organization
- Mr. Luca Lo Re, Climate Policy Analyst, International Energy Agency
- Ms. Jacquelyn Francis, Founder and Executive Director, Global Warming Mitigation Project
- Ms. Kirsten Dunlop, CEO, Climate-KIC
- Ms. Naadiya Moosajee, Serial Entrepreneur, Engineer, Co-Founder WomHub & WomEngFleur Newman, UNFCCC
- Ms. Rosemary Idem, Programme Manager, Women and Youth, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)

The session will be moderated by Mr. Ricardo Savigliano, Chief Energy systems and industrial decarbonization Unit, UNIDO

