



COP29 side event

Women Leading the Change: Advocacy for a Just Energy Transition

Date: 21st November 2024

Time: 14:00 - 15:15 hs

Location: UNIDO Pavillion, A7 Blue zone

Co-organizers:

- Gender and Energy Compact ([UNIDO](#), [ENERGIA](#), [GWNET](#), [SEforAll](#))
- Regional Energy and Climate Project MENA at [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung](#)
- [Women in Energy Pakistan](#)
- [Oxford Policy Management](#)

Climate change poses one of the most complex challenges of our era. To address this, coordinating a proactive and holistic response by all stakeholders is necessary. As we are well aware gender inequality can significantly hinder the resilience and adaptive capacity of women, families, and communities, while also limiting options for climate change mitigation. Even though there is broad consensus across the board on the importance of integrating a gender perspective in climate decision-making, the mechanisms for effectively incorporating gender and gender equality as policy objectives at various levels (international, national, and regional) remain unclear.

Therefore, climate initiatives must embrace a gender-responsive approach that acknowledges the different ways men and women experience the impacts of climate change. By integrating this perspective into climate action, we can identify the most effective solutions to tackle the specific, gender-differentiated effects of climate change. Given the urgency of our collective global fight against climate crises, there is an immediate need to intensify discussions on climate action, anchored in a stronger commitment to gender responsiveness.

This session will focus on the critical role of advocacy and activism in ensuring women's inclusion in climate & energy transition processes, addressing the distinct challenges they face and their limited access to resources to shape energy dialogues.

The session also aims to highlight the crucial role of women in shaping the future of the energy sector through leadership, innovation, and workforce development. By addressing the challenges and opportunities women face in attaining leadership roles, we seek to uncover actionable strategies that promote their involvement in the energy transition. Through shared experiences across regions, we will showcase actionable strategies that empower women and enhance community resilience. The session will provide insights on overcoming barriers to women's participation and promote best practices for fostering gender-responsive approaches, ultimately ensuring that women's.

Session Goals

- Provide inputs/ recommendations for the gender energy compact on how advocacy and activism can be mutually beneficial for reaching the goals of the energy gender compact?
- Identify actionable strategies to promote women's involvement in leadership roles within the energy transition.
- Addressing the unique challenges women face- such as limited access to decision-making processes and cultural barriers—the session aims to promote a more inclusive approach to urban planning that recognizes the importance of women's participation.
- Highlight shared experiences and impact stories from the MENA and South Asia regions to showcase Global South experiences and cases at the intersection of Gender and Energy
- Provide insights on overcoming barriers and best practices to increase women's participation, fostering community resilience through gender-responsive approaches.

Speakers

- Ms. Sadia Satti, Gender-Climate expert, Sustainable Development Policy Institute
- Ms. Dina Kisbi, Program Manager at Regional Climate and Energy Project MENA, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
- Ms. Rasha Shakra, Development Economist & Researcher at University of Geneva
- Ms. Maha Kamal, Co-Chair, Women in Energy Pakistan
- Ms. Katherine Cooke, Principal Consultant, Climate, Resilience and Sustainability Oxford Policy Management

The session will be moderated by Alessio Brina, Multimedia Expert of the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme, UNIDO