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Promoting Women to Advance the Global Energy Transition

Day: September 11th 2017

Time: 17.00 – 18.30

Room: AZTECA

Description:

Sustainable energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, increased social equity and an environment that allows the world to thrive. It is indispensable for reaching the Sustainable Development Goals. Gender equality has been demonstrated to be an indispensable factor in reaching sustainability. Gender diversity drives innovation, opens new pathways for technology deployment, brings fresh perspectives to development of societies and attracts and retains a richer pool of talent.

It is a well-known fact that the energy sector continues to be male-dominated. The absence of gender equality can be observed both in industrialised and emerging/developing countries: since the energy sector is largely perceived as technical, already at the early outset in education curricula energy subjects attract more interest from boys and young men than from girls and women. The absence of female role models further contributes to gender imbalance in related energy curricula and the energy sector as a whole.

Gender inequality is even more prevalent at decision-making levels. Women are generally under-represented on company boards and among senior management positions, as well as in politics. This reality of under-representation is even more accentuated in energy related fields. As a result, the few women that manage to secure top positions are often less well connected with their peers than their male colleagues.

This side event will identify factors fostering gender balance in the energy sector.

Key Questions:

- How do we break gender stereotypes in the energy sector and get the buy-in from both women and men that change is necessary?
- What needs to be done to foster gender balance in the energy sector?
- How to best empower women working in the field of sustainable energy, both in emerging economies, developing and industrialised countries?
- How to best promote gender sensitive action around the energy transition?
- How women in general can become agents of change through sustainable energy?
- Women – the better sustainable energy entrepreneurs?

Organisers:



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**Clean Energy Education
& Empowerment (C3E)**

Detailed Programme:

Chair: Ambassador Irene Giner-Reichl, Founding Member of GWNET

Keynote address

Christyne Tremblay, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada

Impulse statement 1: Promoting women to advance the energy transition globally

Christine Lins, Executive Secretary of REN21 and Founding Member of GWNET

Impulse statement 2: Woman in energy – the Mexican experience

Sandra Caballero, GIZ Advisor and Coordinator of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Women's Network (REDMERE)

Panel discussion

- Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk, Deputy Director-General BMZ, Germany
- Kanika Chawla, Senior Renewable Energy Manager, CEEW
- Rana Ghoneim, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO
- Christian Zinglensen, Head of CEM Secretariat hosting C3E (tbc)

Closing

Setting:

Format: panel discussion

The 90 minute session will be structured as follows:

5 minutes	Welcome by the chair (and hand-over to the keynote speaker)
10 minutes	Impulse statement 1
10 minutes	Impulse statement 2
35 minutes	Moderated discussion among panelists
30 minutes	Questions from the floor and final summary/wrap-up

Speakers:

- Ambassador Irene Giner-Reichl (GWNET)
- Christine Lins (REN21 / GWNET)
- Sandra Caballero (GIZ)
- Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk, Deputy Director-General BMZ, Germany
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