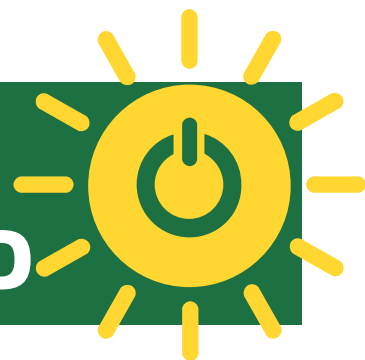




# EMPOWER WOMEN, ENERGIZE THE WORLD



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Lack of access to energy and gender inequality are both factors that are widely recognized as hindrances to economic growth, yet the link between the two has received limited attention. This is despite the fact that a country's degree of energy access is directly linked to its degree of gender equality.

Women are disproportionately affected by energy poverty, as they are typically responsible for household chores, and they are more exposed to harmful indoor air pollution. Evidence shows that investments in energy can have several positive effects on women's empowerment; firstly, by freeing up time to participate in the labour force, secondly, by improving women's possibilities for education and thirdly, by improving the health of women and girls. Furthermore, increasing the proportion of women in the energy sector can further accelerate the energy sector. It is therefore essential to challenge current barriers to female workforce participation and champion the next generation of female energy leaders.

This side event will be an opportunity to discuss the important link between energy and gender equality, and how investments in the energy sector can catalyse women's economic empowerment. The event will feature speakers at the forefront of the nexus of energy and gender, who can provide perspectives on how to increase energy access, how to boost women's professional participation in the energy sector, and how women entrepreneurs are contributing to the energy sector.

## PANEL

- Flemming Møller Mortensen, Denmark's Minister of Development Cooperation
- Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and CEO of SEforALL
- Irene Giner-Reichl, Chairperson of Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition
- Karin Isaksson, Managing Director of Nordic Development Fund
- Dorthe Petersen, Director of Plan International Denmark
- Monica Maduekwe, Founder and CEO, PUTTRU Technologies Limited
- Helen Watts, Senior Director of Global Partnerships, Student Energy
- Rana Ghoneim, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO

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