

The need for action to foster Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (GEEW)



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UNIDO at a glance:

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is the specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability.

UNIDO's mission is to promote and accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in developing countries and economies in transition

UNIDO programmatic focus is structured in four strategic priorities:



Creating shared prosperity



Advancing economic competitiveness





Strengthening knowledge and institutions















UNIDO's clean energy vision

Ushering in a new era of industrialization powered by clean energy

SOLUTION 1

ACCELERATE the shift of industry - both big and small — away from fossil fuels.



SOLUTION 2

ENABLE decision makers to chart a low-carbon path to economic progress.



SOLUTION 3

Foster the RISE of local entrepreneurs and innovators.



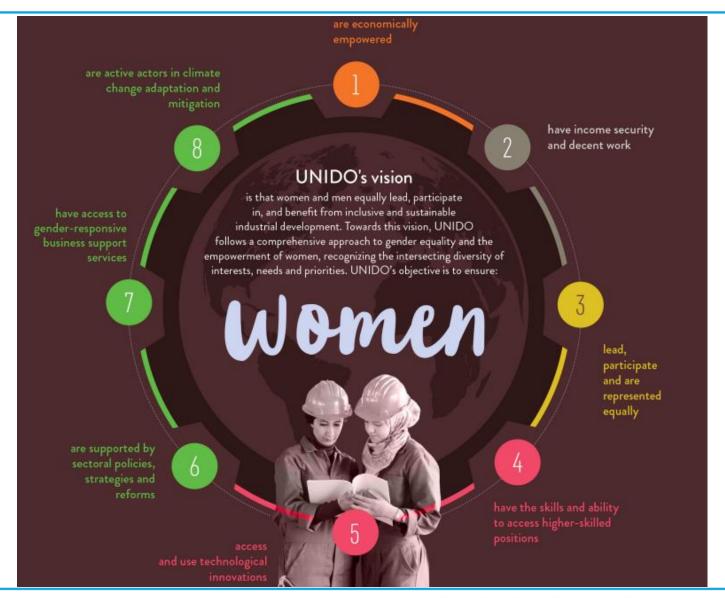
EMPOWER women and youth to be active participants in the energy transition Charter UNIDO's energy work in global fora











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UNIDO at a Glance

































The mandate of UNIDO is an essential component of Sustainable Development Goal 9, and is instrumental to the achievement of all the other goals



UNIDO's vision:

Women and men equally lead, participate in, and benefit from inclusive and sustainable industrial development



















Main gender-related UNIDO policy documents

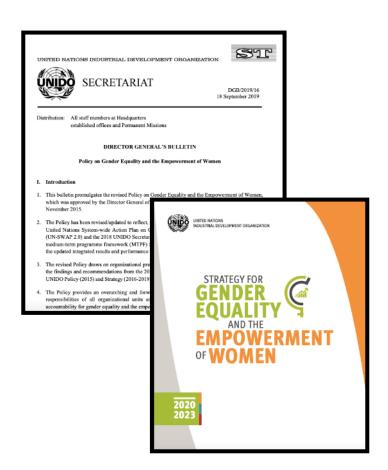
2019 Policy on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (Gender Policy)

 Lays out the UNIDO Gender Architecture and identifies responsibilities

2020-2023 Strategy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (Gender Strategy)

Operationalizes the vision and objectives contained in the Gender Policy

- Identifies priority actions
- Sets organizational targets for 2023









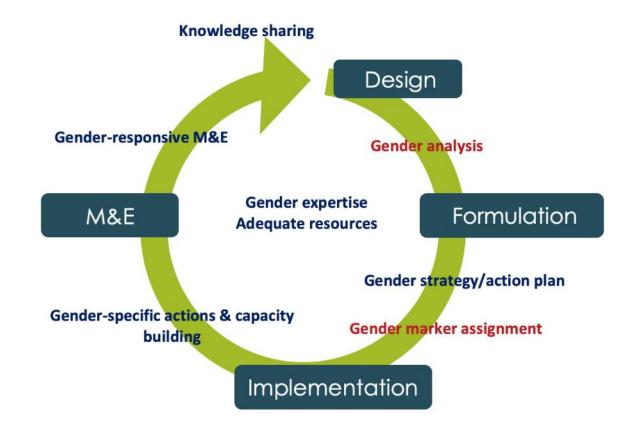








Gender mainstreaming in the project cycle











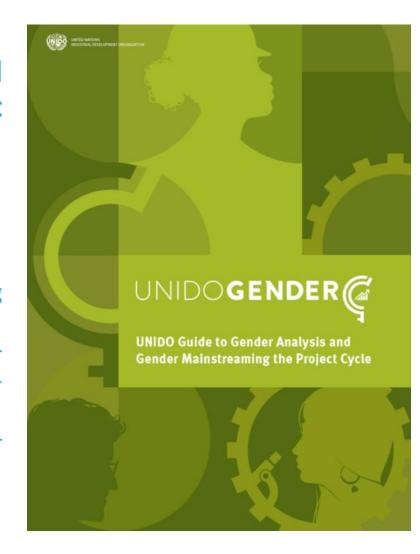




UNIDO Guide to Gender Analysis and Gender Mainstreaming the Project Cycle

Available in English, French, Spanish

- Good practices and entry points for advancing GEEW in ISID policies and projects
- Specific guidance on gender analysis, gender responsive implementation and genderresponsive monitoring and evaluation
- Guidance and links for collecting relevant gender data related to industry









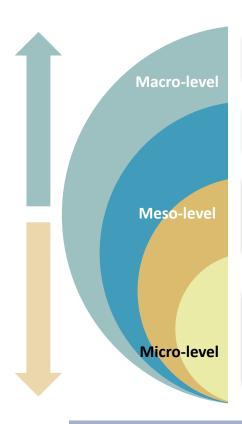








Why do we need to act in the energy sphere?



Institutional/ Policy Level

Social/ Community Level

- Society's traditional cultural norms, roles and gender perceptions hinder women's leadership
- Women tend to be more environmentally conscious

Business/ Utility Level

- Women are underrepresented
- Women lack access to leadership positions, knowledge and networks
- Women entrepreneurs tend to lack access to financing (lack land ownership which is needed as collateral for loans; investor bias)
- Women suffer from imposter syndrome

Individual/ Household Level

- Women's energy **needs** differ from men's in many ways
- Women tend to have different roles in the household, in communities and at the workplace
- Poverty:
 - Women are more likely to have less money available since their salary is lower, they work less hours, or are in unpaid care work
 - Women are more likely to spend more time at home performing domestic labor and, in rural areas to carry out subsistence tasks (time poverty)

climate change, covid-19 and other crisis









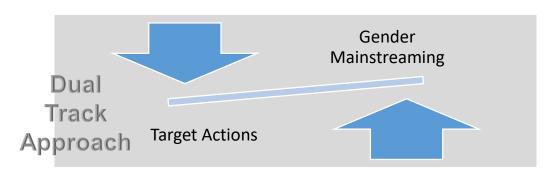








Promoting GEEW at different levels and through multiple programs



- Gender balance at the Vienna Energy Forum
- Training course for women to design, install and maintain renewable energy systems
- Mentoring for women cleantech entrepreneurs
- Training advisors and mentors on Gender Lens Investing
- Gender Energy Compact







Parliamentary Action on Renewable Energy





























Examples of UNIDO projects to develop skills and entrepreneurship for women: GCIP and PFAN











SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 9
INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

GCIP - Fostering Women Entrepreneurs



- > 44%
- women mentors in GCIP Ukraine and Thailand 2019
- Women in PMU in Thailand
- Women Judges in SA



32%

Female-led ventures in GCIP-SA and Pakistan in 2017 cohort



Research paper on Women Cleantech Entrepreneurs;

Assessment conducted on GCIP Thailand;

5 Gender Analyses conducted for GCIP projects



25%

Female-led ventures in GCIP-Turkey 2017



53%

Female-led GCIP ventures at the 2018 GCIP Global Forum



Women can be key agents of change to accelerate the clean energy transition!





South Africa: Masesha Stoves



South Africa: AET Africa



South Africa: Gracious Nubian



Morocco: Green Watech



Morocco: Meryem El



Thailand: Tom Cassava



Thailand: PAC



Thailand: GROW



Thailand: 3becomes 1



Ukraine: Uff.Bee









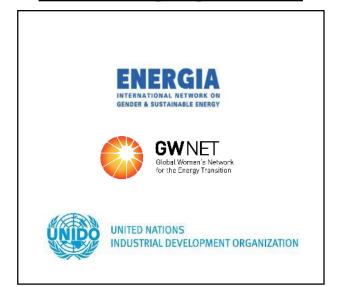






Example: Gender and Energy Compact

Coordinating Organizations





About the Gender and Energy Compact

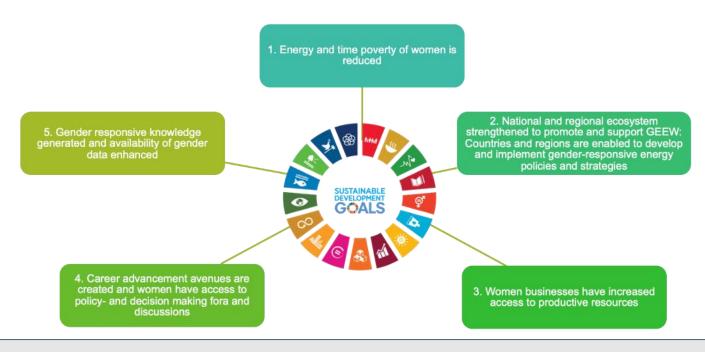


- Launched at the High-Level Dialogue on Energy 2021, the Compact builds upon discussions of the VEF Virtual Series', the Call to Action to Empower Women and Youth to Accelerate the Clean Energy Transition as well as years of Experience, Research, Evidence, and lessons learnt.
- A global, multi-stakeholder coalition led by International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy (ENERGIA), Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) – that joins forces to catalyze action towards gender equality and women's empowerment to accelerate a just, inclusive and sustainable energy transition.
- The Energy Compacts are voluntary commitments to create impact on the ground from Governments and all other stakeholders, such as companies, regional/local governments, NGOs, and others, to advance progress on SDG7 and net-zero emissions, designed to be fully in line with SDG Acceleration Actions and Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Climate Agreement.





We want to create change through 5 action areas:





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Provide **support to** signatories to **develop**, **implement**, & **monitor** individual commitments, e.g.

- Virtual and in-person Capacity building
- Development of guidelines and tools

Galvanize commitments by the energy community to promote SDG5 in the energy sphere

- Raising awareness on the energy-gender nexus
- Creating knowledge and evidence

Unlock concrete opportunities to enhance GEEW in the sustainable energy transition on the ground, e.g. projects in championing countries, such as

- Reducing emissions by increasing access of women's businesses to RF
- Increasing # of women entrepreneurs,
- Creation of gender-disaggregated data

Monitoring and Evaluation, e.g.

- Setting up a secretariat for the Gender Energy Compact to ensure Day-to-day Activities, including communication
- Monthly and yearly monitoring and reporting

















The Coalition

Champions Canada

























65+ Signatories and supporters *







Private Sector







Multilateral Body/ Intergovernmental **Organizations**







Academia









Civil Society and NGOs



* List of all signatories: https://genderenergycompact.org/partners/























THANK YOU!











