

Driving Gender-Just Energy Transition Through Financing and Capacity Building in The Global South

Date: Wednesday, November 13th, **Time:** 16:45 – 18:15 (14:45 – 16:15 CET) **Room:** SIDE EVENT 1

Event description:

Countries in the Global South are grappling with several challenges, including fragile institutions, limited human and financial resources, and gaps in technology, gender integration, and human rights. These barriers directly affect their ability to achieve a Just Energy Transition. To realize a meaningful shift towards renewable energy and energy efficiency, rights-based and gender-transformative approaches to financing and capacity building are essential.

In line with COP28 Decision 1/CMA.5, which calls for “deep, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions,” and the specific goals to triple renewable power generation and double energy efficiency, pathways towards energy transition need to be developed in conjunction with countries. The energy transition is not just an incremental process but a paradigm shift that includes complex techno-economic aspects as well as important social dimensions. Therefore, achieving a “Just Energy Transition” necessitates adopting a human rights-based approach, which includes ensuring the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, along with promoting gender equality.

Coupled with the need to agree on a New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG), capacity building for gender-transformative, rights-based approaches is a critical component of achieving the broader paradigm shift towards renewable energy and energy efficiency. By improving enabling environments and focusing on the unique contexts of developing nations, national leaders can guide the climate transition in ways that empower these countries.

This side event aims to: 1) Raise awareness and build momentum for “rights-based, gender-transformative Just Energy Transitions,” 2) Amplify South-South learning and capacity building through knowledge sharing on rights-based and gender-transformative energy transitions, 3) Identify the financial and capacity needs reported by Global South countries and explore methods for designing effective, country-owned capacity building programs for “gender-just energy transitions,” and 4) Create a “Community of Practice” on Gender Just Energy Transition.

Agenda

Moderator: *Mr. Ambe Emmanuel Cheo (UNU-VIE)*

16:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Mr. Bhim Adhikari (IDRC)

16:55 **Panel Discussion**
1. *Ms. Ana Paula Souza (OHCHR)*
2. *Ms. Amy Reggers (UN Women)*
3. *Ms. Laura Munoz Perez*
4. *Mr. Ferdinand Tornyie (UN-INRA)*
5. *Mr. Alejandro Kilpatrick (UNFCCC)*

17:40 **Questions from the Audience**

18:00 **Arts and Culture Connecting COP29**
Ms. Elisa Morgera (Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights)

18:10 **Closing Remarks**

