Energising women to advance the energy transition

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About the Global Women’s Network for the Energy Transition

GWNET aims to advance the global energy transition by empowering women in energy through interdisciplinary networking, advocacy, training, coaching and mentoring.

GWNET seeks to address the current gender imbalances in the energy sector and to promote gender-sensitive action around the energy transition in all parts of the world.
Working with national/regional women in energy networks from all around the world

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GWNET leads the development of several regional and global women mentoring programmes, with the goal of advancing the role of women as agents of change in society and promoting best practices within the sustainable energy sector.

In this regard, GWNET has led or is leading the following mentorship programmes:

1. GWNET Mentoring Programme 1/2018 (April 2019 – March 2019)
2. GWNET Mentoring Programme 2/2019 (March 2019 – February 2020)
3. GWNET Mentoring Programme 3/2020 (May 2020 – April 2021)
6. Regional Mentoring Programmes for Latin American Countries (LAC) as well as the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) (October 2019 – June 2020)
7. People-Centered Accelerator Mentoring Programme for Women in Energy Access (December 2019 – August 2020)
10. Regional/National Mentoring Programmes for LAC, MENA, India, China, Ethiopia and South Africa (deadline for application 28 March 2021)
The Energy Transition

‘...is multidimensional, complex, non-linear, non-deterministic, and highly uncertain’

Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

1. Radically reforms the existing energy supply and energy systems

2. Goes beyond replacing fossil to clean sources:
   - Changes consumption, distribution and investment patterns; coalitions and capabilities of actors; and new socio-technical regimes of policy, regulation, mind-sets, beliefs, and social practices

The Energy Transition requires:

- Behaviour change, innovation (supply, delivery, usage) and integration across sectors
- Diverse backgrounds, capabilities, and perspectives
- A large diverse talent pool
Women in the energy transition

42 million
jobs in 2050

- STEM jobs: 28%
- Non-STEM technical jobs: 35%
- Administrative jobs: 45%

- 22% share of women in the oil and gas industry
- 32% share of women in the renewable energy workforce
Policies and solutions to increase women’s participation in the sector

- Part-time employment, flexi-time and job-sharing
- Paid parental leave
- Fair and transparent internal processes (appraisal and promotion)
- Mentorship programmes
- Understand and addressing wage gaps
- Goals for gender diversity and equity
- Encourage gender through deployment policies (e.g. auctions)
- Gender audit
- Training in gender awareness
- Awareness of opportunities
- Mentorship programmes
- Publishing training opportunities
- apprenticeships
- University curricula
- Scholarships, internships and enrolment targets
- Vocational training
The Power of Gender Equality

- **Enjoyment of Women’s Human Right:** Women have the right to have access to employment on equal terms with men.

- **Improves Global GDP:**
  - Reaching Gender Equality by 2025 = USD 12 to USD 28 trillion per annum

- **Companies with diverse Leadership have better results**
  - Better prepared to survive financial shock
  - Improved profitability (34% - 69% higher profits)
  - Increased innovation, investment in R&D, and use of talent
  - Decreased risk and overconfidence (44% higher returns)
  - Increased action on environmental issues
  - Decreased litigation for environmental breaches
  - More stringent decarbonisation policies...

‘When more women join the workforce, everyone benefits’
Christine Lagarde, ECB President and former MD IMF

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The Opportunity for the Sustainable Energy Sector

Given the talent shortage, businesses worldwide must make the best use of all available talent.

Sustainable Energy is a young sector with few bad habits to overcome.

Harness SE’s green and values driven reputation.

Lead all sectors on inclusive business practices.

Create more productive and innovative workforces.

Provide inclusive and flexible workplaces that work for all people, their families and communities.

Gender balance and diversity is good for business!
Women for Sustainable Energy – Strategies to Foster Women’s Talent for Transformational Change

GWNET’s first study “Women for Sustainable Energy – Strategies to Foster Women’s Talent for Transformational Change” contains an overview of women’s current participation in the sustainable energy workforce in developed and emerging economies, the benefits of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, industry interviews, good practice examples and recommendations for a more gender-diverse sector.

Read it here: https://www.globalwomennet.org/women-for-sustainable-energy/
Energy Transition Role Models: Inspiring the Next Generation of Women Entrepreneurs

The “Energy Transition Role Models” campaign showcases portraits of remarkable women entrepreneurs in sustainable energy who are working across different disciplines and countries, with the goal to give female leadership visibility and thereby inspire and encourage others – especially young female students and graduates – to follow suit.

Watch the video series and read the accompanying informative brochure which contains global, regional, and national resources for entrepreneurs.

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1500+ Members

• **EMPOWERMENT**
  Share and receive support for your work and ambitions in sustainable energy

• **VISIBILITY**
  Complete your profile and gain visibility around your work and achievements

100+ Countries

• **CONNECTIVITY**
  Network with other women in sustainable energy, from junior to top management

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