

Detailed Programme:

Side Event on Women's Empowerment for a Sustainable World: Towards a Gender Just Transition

Format

The webinar will take place over 1.5 hours, offering active engagement from participants throughout the event to break through the traditional webinar format. The concept of the event is based on the “fishbowl” method, in which panellists are continuously joined by participants which can add their input and questions throughout the sessions. Therefore, the event will be structured as a conversation between panellists and participants.

To make this work, the moderator will ask a prepared set of questions addressing the theme of the event to the panellists to which they can react, without a specific order. To ensure that every speaker has a chance to intervene, the moderator will keep track of the speaking time of each speaker to ensure equal participation. For panellists to participate, they click on the “hand raise” function on Zoom in the webinar function. The same counts for participants who can share their inputs and ask their questions by writing them in the Q&A box or asking for a short oral intervention which can then be admitted by the Host. To distinguish between panellists and participants, the videos of the panellists will be pinned to the screen while participants are encouraged to keep their cameras off until they intervene in the conversation.

The webinar will begin with opening remarks by one of the State co-sponsors which will then lead us into the first part of the session. This part will explore the current trends and status of women in the energy transition, highlighting the work and experiences of the panellists who are experts on the topic. Questions posed by the moderator will take into consideration the different regions and intersectionality of discrimination against women and girls. The second part of the session will be opened by another State co-sponsor and look forward, exploring the panellists' suggestions and ideas of best practices and possible policy solutions which will address the concerns highlighted in the first part. Finally, the moderator will wrap up the debate by summarising key findings and statements of the webinar and invite the last State co-sponsor to finish with their closing remarks.

Speakers

Ana Victoria Rojas, Senior Gender, Energy and Environment Specialist

Ana Victoria Rojas is Costa Rican and a lawyer by training. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Management from the Free University of Amsterdam. Ana has more than twenty-one years of experience working as a sustainable development specialist, of which she has dedicated 16 years to achieving gender equality in the renewable energy and climate change sectors. As a Senior Gender, Energy and Environment Specialist, Ana has provided technical support on gender mainstreaming in energy and climate change policies, programs and projects in Latin America, Asia and Africa. In addition, she has developed various knowledge products in these fields, with thirty publications to her name. Ana has collaborated with international organizations such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), C40 Cities and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); supported cooperation agencies such as USAID, GIZ, Expertise France, AECID and FIIAPP; provided technical support to international climate change initiatives such as the NDC Partnership and EUROCLIMA+; participated in projects financed by the Asian and African

Development Banks (ADB and AfDB) and collaborated with NGOs such as SNV, ETC Foundation and BothENDS in the Netherlands, and with CEDARENA in Costa Rica. Ana was a member of the International Secretariat of ENERGIA, the international network on gender and sustainable energy, for nine years, where she began her career in gender and energy.

Titi Soentoro, Executive Director Aksi! For gender, social and climate justice

Ms. Soentoro is the Executive Director of Aksi! for gender, social and ecological justice. Her focus is on mainstreaming women's rights and gender consideration into policies and projects related to safeguards, information disclosure, participation, and accountability mechanism of the international financial institutions, climate change financing to Indonesia and Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Paloma Costa Oliveira, Co-Founder Engajamundo

Ms. Oliveira is a Brazilian law student, socioenvironmentalist, cycling activist, climate educator and youth mobiliser. She is one of the seven young climate leaders (aged 18–28) appointed by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres to a Youth Advisory Group on global action to tackle the climate crisis and avert climate change. She has also co-founded the network organization Engajamundo which aims to make international decision-making on climate change more accessible to people on the ground.

Dr. Linda Davis, CEO, Giraffe Bioenergy Ltd

Linda Davis is the Founder and CEO of Giraffe Bioenergy, an organisation developing local production of clean, safe, and affordable cooking fuel in Kenya. She has over 15 years' extensive experience in senior-level positions within the renewable energy sector, including solar systems, conventional and cellulosic ethanol technologies, and algae-based biofuels. Linda earned her undergraduate degree in Food Science and Technology at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Kenya. She completed her PhD in Microbiology and Biotechnology at the University of Western Sydney. She also holds certificates in Petroleum Refining, Project Management, and Finance and Accounting (from Stanford University).

Irene Giner-Reichl, Senior Advisor, GWNET
Irene's main area of expertise is economic and social development, women's rights' issues, environment, energy, and development cooperation. She directed the international department of the Austrian Ministry for the Environment, was Austria's Permanent Representative to the UN, IAEA, UNIDO and CTBTO in Vienna, and headed the UNIDO Office in New York. She was Director General for Austria's development policy and cooperation

before assuming the ambassadorship for Austria in China and Mongolia (2012 to 2017), followed by Brazil and Suriname (2017 until March 2021). She retired in April 2021 and continues to advocate for gender equality in the sustainable energy sector and to teach, lecture and publish widely.

Sandra Liliana Caballero Espinosa, Programme Manager Women at the Forefront, SEforALL

Ms. Sandra Caballero is the Programme Manager of SEforAll’s Women at the Forefront programme. She is also the founder and General Coordinator of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Women’s Network (REDMEREE) in Mexico, the first and most dynamic network of its kind in Latin America. Sandra is a gender and energy expert with extensive experience in project management in development cooperation. She was appointed member of the IPCC Gender Task Group representing Mexico and she is also a member of the Executive Board of the National Association of Solar Energy, where she drives initiatives on diversity, inclusion, and gender. She has been a strong advocate for gender equality and women’s empowerment in the energy sector. Sandra is a pioneer of gender mainstreaming in the energy transition and has advised multiple governments, national and international organizations on the gender-energy nexus

Moderator

Magdalena Sepúlveda

Ms. Sepúlveda is the Executive Director of the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. She was the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (formerly Independent Expert) between May 2008 and June 2014. Ms. Sepúlveda is a Chilean lawyer who holds a Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law from Utrecht University in the Netherlands; an LL.M in human rights law from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom and a post graduate diploma in comparative law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Ms. Sepúlveda has worked as a researcher at the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, as a staff attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and as the Co-Director of the Department of International Law and Human Rights of the United Nations-mandated University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica. She also served as a consultant to the Division of International Protection of UNHCR and to the Norwegian Refugee Council in Colombia. More recently she was Research Director at the International Council on Human Rights Policy in Geneva and Associate Research Fellow at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights.

Time Frame

Arriving of participants, welcome and explanation of the format of the event	11:00 – 11:05	Moderator
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Opening remarks 1. session	11:05 – 11:10	Permanent Mission of Germany?
First session: current trends and status of women in the energy transition	11:10 – 11:45	All
Opening remarks 2. session	11-45 – 11:50	Permanent Mission of Costa Rica?
Second session: experiences and policy recommendations	11:50 – 12:25	All
Closing remarks	12:25 – 12:30	Permanent Mission of Austria?
End	12:30	