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Global Women's Network  
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## Invitation: GN-SEC Partner Meeting on Gender and Youth Empowerment 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 15.00 - 16.00 CET

At the occasion of International Women's Day 2024, the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC), an initiative of the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET) are happy to invite you to an interactive virtual meeting to present and discuss the Centres' work to advance gender equality and intergenerational equity in the energy space.

At this meeting, Regional Centres from Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East will highlight their gender and youth empowerment successes and present their future ambitions for joint action. Please join to find out more about the state of gender and youth engagement in energy in the different regions of the GN-SEC and explore entry points for future cooperation.

### Meeting link

[Click here to register](#)

Registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpdO-hrz4iG9bpl-8-qLK5pWGJ3VDR7h4V>

### Background

The eleven renewable and energy efficient Centres that form the GN-SEC span the vast majority of low- and middle-income countries across Africa, Asia-Pacific and Central- and South America, including 40 out of 45 least developed countries (LDCs) and 35 out of 39 small island developing states (SIDS). All Centres have made gender equality and intergenerational equity key priorities in their work and have implemented gender and youth engagement activities. Over the past year, UNIDO and the Centres have worked with GWNET to strengthen the capacities of the Centres' Gender and Youth Focal Points through mentoring, networking, and training. One of the outcomes of this programme of activities is a joint funding proposal to build on the momentum generated by the Centres' current gender and youth activities and boost gender equality and intergenerational equity through just energy transitions around the world.

## Agenda

Moderator: Maria van Veldhuizen, GWNET

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTERS
15.00	Welcome & Opening	Martin Lugmayr, UNIDO
15.10	Inspirational speaker: sharing of experiences from the Caribbean region	Cherri-Ann Farquharson, CCREEE (t.b.c.)
15.15	Inspirational speaker: sharing of experiences from the ECOWAS region	Erica Flan, ECREEE
15.20	Inspirational speaker: sharing of experiences from the MENA region	Edel Aman, RCREEE
15.25	Inspirational speaker: sharing of experiences from Southern Africa	Asteria Markus, SACREEE
15.30	Why gender & youth mainstreaming is important	Manfred Bürstmayr, ADA (t.b.c.)
15.35	Enhancing Gender Equality, Women Empowerment and Youth Engagement through GN-SEC	Christine Lins, GWNET
15.45	Q&A	
16.00	Closing	Marinette Gaillon, UNIDO

*First page header image: Participants in a Gender & Diversity event organized by SACREEE as part of the [SOLTRAIN+ initiative](#), supported by the Austrian development Agency (ADA).*