“WOMEN IN ENERGY” CONFERENCE

Theme: Pioneering the Advancement and Success of Women in the Energy Sector to Increase their participation in Sustainable Energy Development.

DATES: 19-20 August 2015
@ the Hilton Hotel,
Sandton-Johannesburg,
South Africa.
OVERVIEW

This convention aims to bring together women in the energy sector from across the African continent convening to mainstream gender participation of women in the sector, to build capacity for gender enhancement for women and to address numerous challenges facing the Women in this male dominated industry.

The sustainable capacity development for renewable energies, nuclear energy, hydro power development, geothermal energy, bioenergy and the discovery of major oil and natural gas reserves in most parts of Africa is an opportunity for women to endeavor enterprising in the energy business to contribute immensely to sustainable energy development; inclusively to add more women into key decision making positions and involvement in energy capital projects.

This conference aims to foster women’s participation in the energy business and to leverage gender challenges affecting women from getting involved in energy capital projects. Through this platform we endeavor to significantly push women’s ambitions in the energy sector by creating a platform to provide essential support towards women entrepreneurship in the energy business to pioneer the advancement and success of women in management key decision making positions and to address important concerns facing women engineers in the energy sector. This convention is an important platform to support transformation and to push the energy sector towards the move to foster gender equality.

This platform will offer women in energy an opportunity to influencing government policies to address inequalities in the sectors and to build a growth network of women in the industry and to offer support for one another in entrepreneurship, management promotions, decision making and obtaining funding for women entrepreneurs for energy capital projects development and implementation.

This conference aims to attract representation from Women Entrepreneurs, Businesswomen Networks, Government Ministries of Energy, Commerce and Trade and Industry, Oil and Gas Industry, Decision Making Fraternity, Political Organisations, Women Engineers Forums, Equality and Gender Activists Organisations(NGO’s), Economic Empowerment Forum, Energy Corporations, Development Banks, Capital Project Developers, EPC contractors, Women Support Groups United Nations, African Union, ECOWAS, SADC, Development Banks and other Funding Institutions, etc..


Conference Activities
1. Conference Proceeding: is the main activity of the event where guest speakers and presenter will stand up to the podium to give speeches, talks and presentations to the attending delegation.
2. Forum: is a media platform, which will host guest speakers in a panel to discuss matters on the Economic advancements of Africa openly giving an opportunity to journalist and the audience to ask questions publicly.
3. Gala Dinner: this activity will offer participants the pleasure of dressing up for the occasion and on the red carpet moments, entertainment and dinning.
4. Networking Cocktail: networking cocktails is a very important activity of the event where delegates will be given an opportunity to interact and mingle on a personal level to drinks and snacks.
5. Press Conference: will be arranged to update the media on the developments and forum progress.
ADVOCATE: PRIA HASSAN

Adv Hassan graduated from the University of Natal with her LLB degree in the 1990’s. Determined “to go boldly where no women have gone before”, she used her legal acumen and corporate experience to pave the way into Africa. At the pinnacle of her successful emergence into the corporate sector and predominantly male dominated arenas, Adv. Hassan then decided to venture on her own.

She established the Women of Africa (WOA) Investment Group in 2005, which group is a Women owned, Women-managed, Black-Economic Empowerment Company that is strongly committed to gender empowerment. The birth of the WOA Group would herald untold success, breaking down barriers and going forth into unchartered territory never experienced by women before. Its extensive networks, solid reputation as a company of integrity, industry expertise as well as its broad ranging partner relationships with private and state-owned finance organisations positions WOA to be a reputable service provider in the pharmaceutical, construction, logistics, fuel and energy sector.

MRS. BARSHA SHRESTHA

Mrs. Barsha Shrestha is Deputy CEO of Clean Energy Development Bank (CEDB) Ltd. In this role, she manages sustainable banking projects with focus on clean energy and entrepreneurship. Her banking career started with Nabil Bank Limited, first joint venture, private sector bank in Nepal, ever since its establishment in 1984. As such, she is one of the prominent bankers in current Nepalese banking industry.

She is an active advocate and policy-influencer for promotion of sustainable energy and women empowerment in Nepal. She has remained an important resource person, a moderator and keynote speaker for Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Center for Rural Technology (CRT), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and many other notable institutions. Similarly, she has presented issues and challenges faced by Nepalese women in global platforms like World Bank, IFC etc. She has been prominent figure in promoting agenda of national importance concerned with women and energy in various national and international platforms.

She also holds leadership positions in numerous institutions working in the field of energy and women empowerment. She is Chairperson of Lamjung Electricity Development Company Ltd. (LEDCO) and ex-Chairperson of CEDB Hydro Fund Limited. She is also a Director of Women Development for Rotary Club of Kasthamandap, Vice Chairperson of We for Women and a Board Member of Samriddhi - The Prosperity Foundation. She is Convener of Women Entrepreneurs and Professionals Forum of Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI) and Mentor at Rockstart Impact. Under her leadership as an Acting CEO, CEDB became the first and only Nepalese member bank of Global Alliance for Banking on Values (GABV). Her efforts as a banker and as a social leader have been honored with numerous awards including “Woman Manager Recognition Award - 2010” from the Management Association of Nepal.

MS. SHEILA OPARAOCHA- ENERGIA INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR AND PROGRAMME MANAGER.

Sheila Oparaocha has sixteen years of working experience in the gender and energy sector. She is currently a senior consultant at ETC Foundation in the Netherlands and holds the position of programme manager and International Coordinator of the ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy.

Ms. Oparaocha leads a team of six consultants at the ENERGIA International Secretariat (IS) and forty leading gender and energy experts that provide ongoing technical advice, guidance, training and mentorship to energy programmes and institutions. Under her leadership, the IS manages a multi-country and multi-partner programme portfolio spanning 22 countries in Asia and Africa. In keeping with ETC’s Quality Control Management, she has the overall and primary responsibility for managing ENERGIA’s international programmes, coordinating the networks activities, planning, monitoring, reporting and liaising with ENERGIA’s donors.

Ms. Oparaocha provides technical support to the network’s activities on international policy advocacy, gender audits of energy policies, technical advice to energy projects, women entrepreneurship development, training of trainers and practitioners, research and case study development, network building and knowledge management. Ms Oparaocha is a member of the Advisory Board of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative.
Tshilidzi Ramuedzisi is the Chief Director of Energy Planning at the Department of Energy. Some of her key responsibilities include providing leadership and management for the development and implementation of the national integrated energy plan and the dissemination of quality and relevant energy statistics.

Prior to joining the Department in 2007 she worked as a management consultant at Accenture. She has also worked for the South African Breweries as a business applications specialist and as a systems developer at Eskom.

Her qualifications include an honours degree in Computer Science from the University of Cape Town and an MBA from Wits Business School.

Tara Caetano joined the Energy, Environment and Climate Change Group in February 2015. Prior to this she was based at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies in Hamburg, where she focused on trying to find win-win scenarios for emissions reduction and development in the South African context. She has also consulted on a number of projects focused on the economics of climate change, development, poverty alleviation and low carbon development. Tara’s research interests are primarily focused on climate change and development and pursuing a development-first approach to climate change. She is particularly interested in finding synergies between mitigation, EMPLOYMENT creation and poverty alleviation. This includes work on the Mitigation Action Plans and Scenarios (MAPS) Programme, Deep Decarbonisation Pathways Project and CGE and SATIM-eSAGE model development.

Ms. Emma Kiilu is currently Chairperson of The Energy Regulatory Commission in Kenya a position she was appointed to after serving two years as a Board Member in the same Commission. Prior to joining ERC she was a Board Member of Rural Electrification Authority. She joined Ministry of Public Works in 1980 as a graduate trainee, trained in various organizations, rose up the ranks before being posted as District Works Officer in Kisumu and later Mombasa. She ventured into private practice in 1994.

She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration both from the University of Nairobi and is currently pursuing Masters in Energy Management at the same University. She is a registered Consulting Engineer, a member of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya and also a Registered Class A Contractor.

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Day 1

07:00 Refreshment and Registration

08:15 Welcome and Introduction

08:30 Presentation 1 - Pending Topic by Advocate. Pria Hassan: Founder and Chief Executive Officer of WOA Group

09:00 Presentation 2 - Sustainable Energy Development Financing by Mrs. Barsha Shrestha, Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Clean Energy Development Bank (Asia - Nepal).

10:00 Presentation 3 - Women in Energy Research by Ms. Tara Caetano - Senior Researcher - The Energy Research - University of Cape Town.

10:30 Morning Break

10:45 Presentation 4 - Demystifying the Business Case for Gender Perspective to Scaling-Up Energy Access by Ms. Sheila Oparaocha Coordinator and Program Manager - ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy

11:15 Presentation 5 - Nuclear Energy is the Nucleus of Life by Dr. Risimati Mavunda - South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (NECSA).

11:45 Presentations 6 - Bio Energy Diversity pending confirmation

12:30 Lunch Break

13:45 Presentation 8

14:15 Presentation 9

14:45 Afternoon Break

15:00 Presentation 10

15:30 Presentation 11

16:00 Presentation

19:00 Gala Diner and Networking working

21:30 End Day One Activities.

Day 2

08:00 Presentation 1 - Entrepreneurship and Business Opportunities for Women the Energy Sector by Tshilidzi Ramuedzisi - Chief Director Energy Planning, Department of Energy, Republic of South Africa.

08:30 Women Empowerment & Sustainable Development Forum.
- Sustainable Energy Development
- Empowerment
- Energy Policies
- Creating Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs in Energy

Guest Panelist - Advocate. Pria Hassan, Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Tshilidzi Ramuedzisi, Mrs. Barsha Shrestha

Moderator:

10:30 Morning Break

10:45 Presentation 2 - Skills Developments for Women Entrepreneurs and Engineers by Ms. Emma Kiilu

11:15 Presentation 3

11:45 Presentation 4

12:30 Lunch Break

13:45 Presentation 5

14:15 Presentation 6

14:45 Afternoon Break

15:00 Presentation 7

15-30 Conference Summary

16:00 End of Conference Agenda
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