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Partner Working Session



## Empowering Women: Pathways for Up-Scaling Women-Centric Approaches to Energy Access

As the primary managers of energy, women offer tremendous potential in extending sustainable energy access, including at the last mile. For a significant scale up of gender-responsive approaches in the energy sector, all elements of energy planning, policy-making and financing need to factor in gender dimensions and advance women's leadership. Within the energy industry, barriers to women's engagement as executives, entrepreneurs and employees must be brought down.

This working session makes the business case for women-centric and gender-informed business models in the energy sector. The participatory session will share experiences, data and new resources around working with women in energy access initiatives. It will engage practitioners, INGOs, investors- focused on the nexus of SME, energy and gender-government ministries, women's associations/networks, other energy access practitioners, to identify concrete pathways for enhancing women's participation in increasing energy access.

### Moderator:

Soma Dutta, Senior Technical Advisor with ENERGIA, the International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy

### Panellists:

Chebet Lesan, Founder and CEO of BrightGreen Renewable Energy

Stephanie Finigan, Manager of Operations at Value for Women

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