



ON THE OCCASION OF THE 59TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION,
[THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN COOKSTOVES](#), [ENERGIA](#), AND [THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN](#) INVITE YOU TO AN EVENT ON

ACCESS TO ENERGY IS A KEY DRIVER OF GENDER EQUALITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

WESTIN GRAND CENTRAL

MADISON BALLROOM

212 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK CITY

1:00-1:05 p.m. Opening Remarks (by video)

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland; President and Board Chair, Mary Robinson Foundation; Member of the Alliance Leadership Council

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Radha Muthiah, CEO, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves
Soma Dutta, Programme Coordinator, ENERGIA

1:15-1:25 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

Michele Sullivan, President, Caterpillar Foundation

1:25-1:40 p.m. The Time is Now to Prioritize Energy for Women and Girls

Baroness Lindsay Northover, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, United Kingdom's Department for International Development

1:40-2:30 p.m. The Impact: Multiplier Effects of Energy Access for Women and Girls

Moderated by Suzanne Petroni, Senior Director of Gender, Population and Development, International Center for Research on Women

- Joy Clancy, Associate Professor, Department of Governance and Technology for Sustainability, University of Twente
- Karen Scriven, Director for Youth, Girls and Gender, Mercy Corps
- Dale Buscher, Senior Director of Programs, Women's Refugee Commission

2:30-3:25 p.m. Women Powering the Energy Value Chain: Empowerment and Entrepreneurship

Moderated by Soma Dutta, Programme Coordinator, ENERGIA

- Anita Shankar, Researcher, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Global Clean Air and Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins University
- Katherine Lucey, Founder & CEO, Solar Sister
- Francesco Tornieri, Principal Social Development Specialist, Gender and Development, Asian Development Bank
- Sanjay Kumar, Director, SEWA Bharat, India*

3:25-3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45-3:55 p.m. Investment in Energy Transforms the Lives of Women and Girls

Kristin Hetle, Director, Strategic Partnerships Division, UN Women

3:55-4:45 p.m. Enabling Equality and Change: An Arm Chair Conversation

Moderated by Kathy Calvin, President & CEO, UN Foundation, and Chair of the Alliance Advisory Council

- Ambassador Cathy Russell, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
- Meng Xiaosi*, Vice President, All-China Women's Federation
- Caren Grown, Senior Director, Gender, World Bank Group

4:45-5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks – Radha Muthiah, CEO, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

5:00-6:00 p.m. Reception and Technology Exhibition

Panelists will discuss how access to energy has a wide variety of health, social, economic, and livelihood impacts for women and girls, and how these benefits directly contribute to gender equality. Panelists will also discuss scaling women's entrepreneurship and empowerment throughout the value chain in order to scale adoption of clean energy technologies and fuels.

These presentations and panel discussions will demonstrate that access to energy is a critical global gender issue cutting across several topics in the Beijing Platform for Action and present concrete ideas and solutions on how to integrate access to energy into gender equality advocacy efforts, particularly within existing international processes such as Beijing+20, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the UNFCCC Conference of Parties.

This event will also commemorate International Women's Day and CSW59/Beijing+20 and feature a technology exhibition to raise awareness about the wide variety of household energy products available in the developing world.

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