

**Policy recommendations derived from the
Workshop on the Path to Inclusive Energy Transition
in the APEC Region:
how to enhance women's empowerment in energy field
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Gender disparities in the energy sector are commonly shared across the APEC region, whilst the ongoing regional energy transition offers new opportunities and potential to engage women in it. Meanwhile, as poverty, energy access and gender equality are inextricably linked, addressing them together could achieve multiple gains in social and economic development.

Recognizing that energy issues are NOT gender-neutral, this workshop, in support of two of the Priorities for APEC 2019-, *1) Women, SMEs, and Inclusive Growth* and *2) Sustainable Growth*, provides recommendations for creating an enabling policy environment for women's empowerment in the energy sector in the APEC region.

1. Apply a gender approach in energy policies and programs

- (1) The collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data at the nexus of gender and energy are essential to identify the gaps and barriers of women's participation in the energy field.
- (2) The design, implementation, monitoring & evaluation of energy policies and programs are encouraged to address gender differentiation and gendered patterns for greater effectiveness and efficiency.

2. Strengthen capacity building

- (1) Sustained engagement of stakeholders is necessary to develop and implement gender-sensitive energy policies.
- (2) Tailored financing programs, training and mentoring, and network building are needed to support the involvement of women as leaders,

entrepreneurs, employers and consumers in energy-system value chains, in both the access and modern energy contexts.

- (3) Encouraging the adoption of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the APEC market and with stronger support in promoting women participation in being trained to provide such services are important.

3. Promote multilateral cooperation

- (1) Under the framework of APEC, it is encouraged to pursue cross fora cooperation with relevant international organizations to enhance synergy on gender mainstreaming in the energy sector among all policy bodies of APEC.
- (2) Under the framework of EWG, it is encouraged to facilitate the rollout of gender-aware energy projects within the technical areas of its task forces/expert groups, and to accelerate the knowledge sharing of best practices.