GENDER AND ENERGY TRAINING SESSION
Overview of Gender Equality and Energy Issues

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TOPIC 1
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Does gender equality matter for development?

Gender equality is important for two reasons:

• It is an **intrinsic human right**, thus a core development objective in itself.

• It is an **instrument for development**.
Gender equality has changed for the better

In the last decades, women’s lives have improved greatly, often at a rapid pace -- but progress has been uneven.
Where does gender inequality persist?

- In human and physical capital **endowments**;
- In **economic opportunities**;
- In the ability to make choices or achieve desired outcomes (**agency**).
Energy and Development

• Poverty reduction and shared prosperity cannot be achieved without economic growth.
• Universal access to reliable modern energy is essential for economic growth and social development.
Access to modern energy and the MDGs

Energy is a critical input for the achievement of all the MDGs, but especially:

• eradicating extreme poverty and hunger,

• achieving universal primary education,

• empowering women,

• reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and reducing diseases, and

• ensuring environmental sustainability
The energy ladder
Why gender matters in the energy sector

- Access, use and impact of energy services
- Household energy
- Business/finance
- Large infrastructure
- Awareness
- Energy planning
- Participation
Energy services, gender and development

- Energy services are essential to support development.

- Gender disparities in access to modern energy result in women experiencing more energy poverty than men.
THANK YOU!

Resources on Gender and Energy

LITERATURE AND GUIDANCE
- ESMAP: Gender and Energy Online Resources
- Steps to Strides: Sustainable Development Network’s Companion to the World Development Report
- World Bank: Energy, Gender and Development – What are the Linkages? Where is the Evidence?
- World Bank Data and Guidance Notes on Gender Mainstreaming
- Asian Development Bank: Gender and Energy Toolkit: Going Beyond the Meter
- ENERGIA – Global Network of Energy and Gender Practitioners

VIDEO RESOURCES TO SHOWCASE EXISTING EXAMPLES
Cambodia: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLwpSHM1pJY&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLwpSHM1pJY&feature=relmfu)
Mali: [http://youtu.be/7OR0TiaPpl](http://youtu.be/7OR0TiaPpl)
South Asia: [http://www.esmap.org/esmap/node/286](http://www.esmap.org/esmap/node/286)