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Agenda

<u>Tuesday, 8th October 2019</u>	
08:30 – 09:00	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Sponsored participants are kindly asked to bring their passport, visa stamp and airline ticket stub to the meeting.</i></p>
09:00 – 09:05	<p>Welcoming and Introductory remarks</p> <p>Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, UN-ESCWA</p>
09:05 – 10:15	<p>Session I: Panel discussion: Gender empowerment within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Paris Agreement</p>
<p>Chairperson:</p> <p>Members of the Panel discussion</p> <p>09:05 – 10:00</p>	<p>Ms. Linda Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Giraffe Bioenergy Ltd, ENERGIA representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Anna-Karin Jaffors Deputy Regional Director UN-Women, Thailand - Mr. Scott Foster, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE - Ms. Parimita Mohanty, Programme Management Officer, Renewable Energy Asia and the Pacific Office, UN Environment, Thailand - Ms. Lana Zaman, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Division, UNESCAP - Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, ESCWA - Ms. Monica Maduekwe, Programme Coordinator, ECOW-GEN (ECREEE) <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the relationship between gender, energy and climate change in your respective region and context? - Although energy is recognised as an input for development, what specific role or advantages does RE bring compared to other energy sources? - What are the potential benefits of realizing gender equality and achieving SDG7? - What does it mean gender empowerment in a context where traditional cultural roles and norms dictate a lack of societal value and rights for women?

10:00 – 10:15	Q &A and Discussion
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	Session II: Sustainable Energy and Gender Empowerment: Case Studies and Lessons learned from regional and international perspectives
Moderator:	Ms. Sawsan Gharaibeh, Chair, Transparency International Jordan
Presenters:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Hania Chahal, Lebanon, ESCWA Consultant - Ms Annette Wallgren, Programme management officer, gender and climate change, UN-Environment - Ms. Yunxiao He, Senior Social Specialist, Asia Program Advisor, Four Corners Management Consulting, - Ms. Margalita Arabidze, Deputy Head, Energy Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
10:30 – 11:45	<p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What factors account for gender-specific problems that women face in relation to their roles in the production and utilization of energy services? - What are the women needs and challenges they face in participating in the energy sector, specifically in rural context? - What potential for synergies between key sectors (energy, water, agriculture, tourism, services, industries, etc.) and gender empowerment especially in the rural context? - Where do you identify the most potential for introducing and implementing gender mainstreaming in the energy sector and what are the main challenges and barriers?
11:45 – 12:00	Q&A and Discussion
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Lunch Break/Group Photo</p> <p>Partners’ side-events (1 hour): Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Status (ESCAP/REN21/ADB) Electric vehicles (ESCAP/Ministry of Energy, Thailand) REGEND Steering Committee meeting (close meeting for ESCWA national Partners)</p>

13:30– 15:15	Session III: Panel discussion on the Means of implementation for accelerating progress on SDG7 and SDG5
Moderator:	Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, ESCWA
Members of the Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Syham Bentouati, Executive Director NAFAS, Oman.LTD - Mr. Khaled Bedoui, Chief Executive Officer KB. Consulting, Tunisia - Ms. Govind Kelkar, Executive Director, GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation, Gurgaon, India - Ms. Harleen Kaur Sindhu, Renewable Energy Lead, Shell Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan - Ms. Nadine Saba, Board President and Project Director, Akkar Network for Development (AND), Lebanon - Mr. Zeyad Alsaaydeh, Director of Rural Electrification Department, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Director Ministry of Energy and Mines, Jordan
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Key guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What challenges and difficulties exist in accessing finance, information and markets, technology, education and training especially for women entrepreneurs? - What are the SDG & Corporate-centered benchmarks to help accelerate reduction in gender imbalances and women empowerment in the Renewable energy sector? - How can the developed sustainable energy capacity be leveraged to boost productive activities that support gender empowerment? - Are there any statistics or data that track the implementation of gender mainstreaming and what are your suggestions or recommendations to develop such indicators?
15:00 – 15:15	Q&A and Discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:15	Session IV: Panel Discussion on promoting integrated approaches to address Gender Empowerment and Sustainable Energy: Way Forward
Moderator:	Ms. Jessica Obeid, Expert Renewable Energy, Lebanon
Members of the Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Banashri SINHA, Gender, Environment and Climate Change Specialist, UN-Women, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand - Ms. Monica Maduekwe, Programme Coordinator, ECOW-GEN, ECREEE - Ms. Lana Zaman, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Division, UNESCAP - Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, UN-ESCWA - Ms. Linda Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Giraffe Bioenergy Ltd, ENERGIA - Ms. Harleen Kaur Sindhu, Renewable Energy Lead, Shell Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan
15:30– 16:30	<p>Key guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What your respective organisation is doing in terms of gender mainstreaming within the sustainable energy sector and what are your planned programs? - What gender mainstreaming and human rights action plans can be recommended to policy makers, government and local institutions for the energy sector?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the priority actions over the medium and long term to accelerate progress on gender equality and women’s empowerment in the energy sector? - How can an integrated approach to gender empowerment capture the full breadth of the value chain in sustainable energy?
16:30– 17:00	<p>Summary of Key Messages and Recommendations for the Way Forward Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD), UN-ESCWA</p>
17:00 - 17:15	<p>Closing Remarks</p>