



## Press Release

### “Women Energize Women” Conference

May 12, 2022 | 9:30 a. m. | Messe München

#### HOW WOMEN HELP SHAPE THE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION

#### “WOMEN ENERGIZE WOMEN” CONFERENCE ON MAY 12, 2022 IN MUNICH

Munich, May 12, 2022: Within the framework of The Smarter E, Europe’s largest platform for the energy sector, the conference “Women Energize Women” will be held for the first time in Munich. The focus of the conference is on women and their role in shaping the global and regional energy transition(s). The one-day conference is part of a communication initiative under the same motto, which offers speakers and experts a platform to discuss the global energy transition and introduces female perspectives and experiences into a largely male-dominated field.

Women are under-represented in the energy sector around the world, particularly in decision-making positions or technical jobs: Men make up 78 percent of employees in the traditional energy sector and 68 percent in the field of renewable energies.

The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) is committed to gender equality in the energy sector. For this purpose, the ministry has launched the communication initiative “Women Energize Women”. The Munich conference being held under the same name is part of this campaign. For the BMWK and the organizers of the conference – the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE) and the German Solar Association (BSW-Solar) – gender equality in the energy sector is an essential factor when it comes to utilizing the full potential of renewable energy sources and achieving the targets for sustainable development. Each of these organizations actively promotes gender mainstreaming and gender equality in their day-to-day work.

Birgit Schwenk, Director General for Climate Policy at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK): “The role of women who are driving the transformation in the energy sector at national and international level has long been downplayed. Since women make up half of the world’s population and half of all energy consumers, ignoring their needs, perspectives and knowledge is no longer an option. We cannot afford to neglect this enormous potential for the transformation of the global energy system. Instead, it is necessary to remove barriers that are impeding women’s professional prospects, and to make their voices heard in the respective international forums.”

Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Member of the Board of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), one of the two organizations hosting the conference, points out: “The global energy transition needs greater involvement by women. At GIZ, we are committed to achieving this, for example via the Bilateral Energy Partnerships we support women taking management positions in the renewable energy sector. With today’s conference, we want to inspire women, motivate them and help them network with each other, so that they can contribute their expertise to the energy sector and move the transformation forward.”



Dr. Simone Peter, President of the German Renewable Energy Federation: “Due to the worsening climate crisis, as well as the cost and supply crisis of fossil fuels, the energy transition needs to be accelerated around the world. This is why the framework conditions for the energy transition must be combined with strategies for promoting gender diversity and equality. For this reason, we are very proud to be hosting the first-ever ‘Women Energize Women’ conference in 2022 in Munich.”

The organizers are particularly pleased to have Arielle Ben-Hur, Inclusivity Lead, Global Platform for Action (GPA) on Sustainable Energy in Displacement Settings, UNITAR, present the findings of the first report on the state of the humanitarian energy sector. Access to sustainable and clean energy can bring significant benefits to displaced people and their hosts in the areas of gender equality, food security, water, sanitation, health, education, livelihoods, connectivity, and environmental protection. More information on how sustainable and modern energy services can impact the lives of displaced women is provided in the following [GPA press release](#). The State of the Humanitarian Energy Sector Report will be officially released on May 17, 2022 at the Humanitarian Energy Conference in Kigali, Rwanda. The report will be available at [humanitarianenergy.org](https://humanitarianenergy.org) beginning May 17.

“Women Energize Women” is organized on behalf of the BMWK within the scope of its Bilateral Energy Partnerships; the conference concentrates on women from all over the world, with a particular focus on developing and emerging economies Germany has concluded energy partnerships with. These include in particular Algeria, Brazil, Chile, China, Ethiopia, India, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, South Africa and Tunisia. The energy partnerships and energy dialogues with more than 20 partner countries are a key instrument of the Federal Government’s energy foreign policy. They form a global, steadily growing and valuable network that connects Germany with countries striving to achieve a transformation of their energy systems.

More on the conference and the campaign is available here: <https://www.womenenergize.org/>

All pictures from the event will be available after the conference at <https://www.picdrop.com/nadinestegemann/p5Kx86mWG1>.

**The “Women Energize Women” conference takes place on May 12 from 10:30 am to 6 pm (CEST) at the ICM International Congress Center of the Munich Messe, Room 13a, within the framework of The Smarter E 2022.**

Visit us on social media for further information:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/womenenergize>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/womenenergize/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/womenenergize/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAN8IIFUkvEoBp0Cki1ALwg>

Website: <https://www.womenenergize.org>



Federal Ministry  
for Economic Affairs  
and Climate Action



WOMEN  
ENERGIZE  
WOMEN

**Press Contact:**

Women Energize Women Press Office

Email: [presse@bsw-solar.de](mailto:presse@bsw-solar.de)

Phone: +49 30 29 777 88-30

c/o Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft e. V.

EUREF-Campus 16

10829 Berlin, Deutschland