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WOMEN AS DRIVERS OF THE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION

WOMEN ENERGIZE WOMEN CONFERENCE

– ON THE FINANCING OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN MUNICH ON JUNE 15, 2023

Munich, June 15, 2023 – The international conference "Women Energize Women" brings together experts and driving forces from innovations from politics, industry and research in Munich to discuss the pressing issues of the energy transition and to develop solutions. The one-day event takes place for the second time as part of The smarter E Europe, the largest European platform for the energy sector. This year's conference will focus on "Financing the Energy Transition and Investing in Women".

Currently more than 12 million people are employed in the energy sector. To make the energy transition reality, this number need to quadruple by 2050. This will only happen if the sector overcomes its incomplete image as a male-dominated industry. There are already many inspiring contributions from women who are driving renewable energy forward with their ideas and ventures, although they still make up less than a third of the sector.

"The increasing pressure for a rapid energy transition underlines the urgency of gender equality in the energy sector," says Dr. Franziska Brantner, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Action (BMWK). "The renewable energy sector will require 42 million skilled workers by 2050. Female experts will be depended on to reach that goal - in terms of both their expertise and innovation."

At present, renewable energy still faces structural problems in this regard: While more women work in renewable energy than in oil and gas, most of them are in administrative roles. Even in the photovoltaic sector, which has the highest proportion of women, only around 13 percent of management positions are held by women.

This is where the "Women Energize Women" (WEW) conference comes in. On the occasion of its second edition, the conference will introduce its first "WEW Ambassadors" – women from politics and business who have committed themselves to be future spokespersons for gender equality and to bring the issue of gender equality back into their political and business activities. The conference is the highlight of a global communication initiative of the same name, which is being implemented on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Action (BMWK), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, a worldwide service provider in the field of international





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cooperation for sustainable development and education work and the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE) as part of the global BMWK project "Bilateral Climate and Energy Partnerships".

"Women and girls all over the world are entitled to equal rights, equal representation and appropriate resources," emphasizes Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Member of the Management Board of GIZ. "The energy transition will only succeed, if women can contribute with their perspectives, creativity and knowledge."

Feminist perspectives and structural equality will only be included in the development of renewables if women also have access to knowledge, resources and financing in order to create for everyone a future worth living.

A fair and successful energy transition is not possible without gender equality," says Dr. Simone Peter, President of the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE). "By participating in the energy transition, women can not only contribute to climate protection, but also improve their own living conditions. This requires tailor-made financing policies and programs - from special funds to micro-credits."

The conference offers a rich program of keynotes, panels and workshops for all those who want to advance a green, socially just energy transition. Numerous delegates from over 50 countries have confirmed their attendance.

For the very first time the conference will also be streamed live via <https://www.womenenergize.org/>

Pictures can be downloaded here: https://www.picdrop.com/agebert/WEW_PK

The „Women Energize Women“ conference will be held on June 15, 2023 from 10:30–18:45 CEST at the ICM International Congress Center at the exhibition grounds Munich in hall 14a as part of The Smarter E 2023.

About „Women Energize Women“

The conference is being organized on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE) and the German Solar Association (BSW) as part of the BMWK's global project "Bilateral Energy Partnerships and Dialogues". It is the culmination of the Ministry's communication campaign of the same name, which aims to inform, mobilize, inspire and connect women around the world who are working for energy system transformation.

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