



The COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruption to the SDGs achievement progress--disproportionally affecting women and the most vulnerable people around the world. Additionally, climate change poses tremendous risks to achieving the SDGs, and is affecting those most at-risk and with the least resources to adapt to it, creating yet another pressure point for vulnerable communities across the world, and disproportionately affecting women. In the face of all these challenges, we must ensure that COVID-19 recovery plans are green, inclusive and gender-responsive, shaping collective resilience to climate impacts that contribute to achieving the SDGs. Access to sustainable and just energy is key to our collective efforts to accelerate the pace of implementation and delivery of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, and of the achievement of net zero emissions by 2050.

A [Call to Action](#) was launched during the Vienna Energy Forum (VEF) Virtual Series in January 2021 to prompt organizations, governments, private sector, academia and civil society to take urgent action to build adequate skills and develop a conducive environment that fosters the full utilization of the potential of women to contribute to a just and inclusive energy transition as leaders, employees, oia1QW*nBT/F1 10 Tf1t(e)6(r)8(g)6

Guiding principles

The undersigning partners commit to the following guiding **principles** to support acceleration of and transition.

We, the undersigned parties, commit to

1. Recognize the importance of **SDG 5 to achieve SDG 7**, and vice versa.
2. **Enhance gender equality and women's empowerment**, and challenge the discrimination faced by women and girls regardless of background and identity to facilitate the transformation of social norms and gendered power relations.
3. Foster **enabling policies and an inclusive and safe institutional and working environment**, that enables women to enter, retain and advance in the energy workforce, to take on leadership roles, and receive due recognition for their contributions.
4. Combat gender blind planning, financing, execution and implementation of projects, increase investment and implement programmes that integrate **gender mainstreaming in a cross-cutting manner**.
5. Recognize that **women and girls in both rural and urban areas** are significantly and often disproportionately affected by energy poverty and that targeted actions are required to strengthen meet their household, productive and social energy needs.
6. **Address gender**

Joint commitments

The undersigning parties commit to supporting and accelerating action for the following goals and ambitions:

Goal 1: Women have equal opportunity to lead, participate in and benefit from a just, sustainable and inclusive energy transition

Goal 2: Women have equal access to and control over sustainable energy products and services

Reaching these goals requires actions at multiple levels from a wide range of stakeholders. The coalition aims to achieve the following **5 Outcomes** to contribute to SDG 5, SDG 7, and other SDGs:

1. Energy Poverty

Outcome 1: Energy and time poverty, as well as drudgery of women are eliminated by increasing

Ambitions (exemplary)

- **Per year at least 10%** additional projects receive funding that benefit women and reduce energy poverty through gender-responsive financing mechanisms and grants/subsidies that are aligned to the needs of women and their different realities (e.g. young women, rural women), this includes by 2025 applying a gender-lens to **100%** of private and public sector investment aimed at reducing energy poverty as well as developing new and innovative financing schemes, such as setting up an SDG Enabling Fund².
- **Increase by at least 10% per year** the investment in energy efficient appliances and end-uses that

- Develop, validate, implement and monitor a j empowerment that is measurable, actionable and ambitious.

3. Women Entrepreneurship

Outcome 3: Women-owned and -led businesses have increased access to resources, such as finance, sustainable energy, entrepreneurial capacity and business development services.

Ambitions (exemplary)

- The share of women entrepreneurs, women-led and women-owned businesses in the sustainable energy value chains increased by **at least of 7%** per year, reaches at least **50% by 2030**⁴.
- **At least 80%** increase in the productivity of women farmers and women-owned/led b50.251 0.51 000000912 0 0 6

