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## Turning Information into Empowerment: Strengthening Gender & Energy Networking in Africa

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TIE-ENERGIA works to mainstream gender into energy policy, planning, programmes and projects by strengthening the human and institutional capacity in twelve African countries. The project will increase awareness, knowledge and skills of development practitioners to integrate gender and energy concerns into poverty reduction programmes, and identify gender gaps in energy-poverty policies.

Energy is central to meeting basic and development needs for every country. Indeed people's standard of living, the state of the environment and the economy are directly dependent on the people's access to energy and their energy use characteristics. However, with the majority of people in developing countries lacking access to affordable energy services, energy poverty has been identified as a serious barrier to sustainable livelihoods and emergence from poverty.

Energy poverty is a problem that has a disproportionate effect on women who are the primary procurers, producers and users of energy in the household sector. Women are also active in the informal productive sector, mainly in food processing activities, some with high-energy demands. Because of this central role, the entire society is disadvantaged, if women are not adequately served with energy.

Mainstreaming gender into energy policy, planning, programmes and projects is crucial for poverty reduction and sustainable development.



This project works to ensure that gender is integrated into energy issues in Africa by strengthening the human and institutional capacity within and beyond the Africa Gender and Energy Network, which is part of the ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy. The main objectives are:

- to create a critical mass of gender-sensitive women and men who would engage in changing policies, programmes and practices that affect women's energy choices
- to increase awareness, knowledge and skills of a selected group of development practitioners to integrate gender and energy concerns into sustainable development and poverty reduction programmes
- to identify gender gaps in energy-poverty policies and make gender and energy issues visible to a wide audience, thereby supporting national and international networking and advocacy initiatives to influence energy policies and programmes

The project will be implemented through key activities such as:

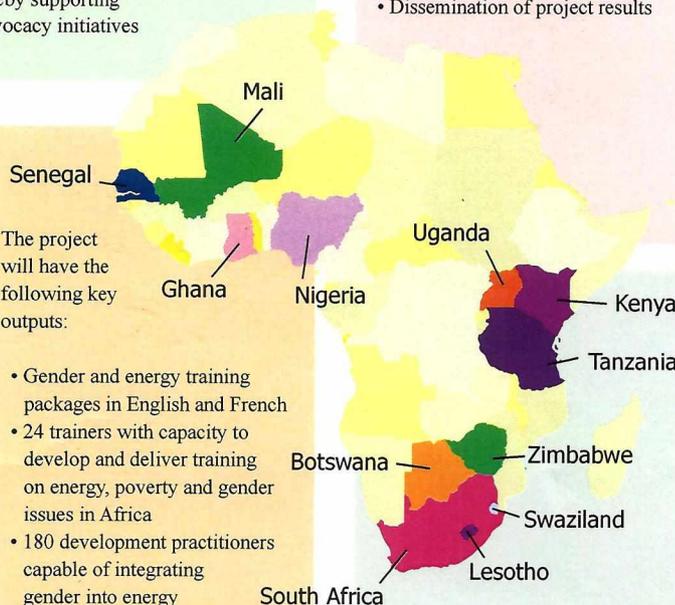
- Training of trainers from 12 African countries
- Training of practitioners through workshops in each country
- Gender audits in Kenya, Botswana and Senegal to identify gender gaps in energy policy
- Policy-level workshops to present the recommendations for engendering energy policy
- Dissemination of project results

### Africa Gender & Energy Network:

- Centre for Innovation & Development (NovAfrica), South Africa
- East African Energy Technology Development Network Uganda (EAETDN), Uganda
- ENDA-Tiers Monde, Senegal
- Friends of the Environment (FOTE), Nigeria
- GRATIS, Ghana
- Khalema Redeby & Associates, Lesotho
- Mali-Folkecenter, Mali
- Practical Action East Africa, Kenya
- Renewable Energy Association of Swaziland (REASWA), Swaziland
- Tanzania Traditional Energy Development & Environment Organisation (TaTEDO), Tanzania
- The Botswana Technology Centre (BOTEC), Botswana
- WEDS Development Services, Zimbabwe

### TIE ENERGIA Partners:

ETC Foundation (NL), Eco (UK), Practical Action EA (Kenya), KuSiNi (NL), EAETDN (Uganda)



The project will have the following key outputs:

- Gender and energy training packages in English and French
- 24 trainers with capacity to develop and deliver training on energy, poverty and gender issues in Africa
- 180 development practitioners capable of integrating gender into energy issues
- Reports on gender audits in three African countries with recommendations for engendering policy and practice.
- Information on project results used for dissemination and advocacy purposes

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