

CEM Senior Officials' Meeting in Rio

## **Gender Gaps in the Energy Sector: Roadblocks for an Inclusive Clean Energy Transition**

**Date and Time: Monday, 20 March 2023; 8 - 9 AM BRT**

**Room: Leme, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sheraton Hotel**

### **Side Event Description**

This side event showcases how the Equality in Energy Transitions (Equality Initiative) is tackling the identified barriers—accelerating gender equality and diversity in clean energy transitions and closing the gender disparity gap by 2030. We cordially invite all interested stakeholders to join our session to learn more about the Equality Initiative's activities and deliverables. During this session, we will discuss how international collaborations and the exchange of effective strategies and best practices can help overcome the current and upcoming obstacles that hinder gender equality in the energy industry and how we can work together to implement intersectional and inclusive measures and approaches across different sectors. Finally, this will be an opportunity to solicit ideas for how the Equality Initiative could urge more stakeholders to join its mission and call for immediate action at CEM14 in India.

### **Goal**

The aim of this side event is to encourage CEM and MI members and communities, and other stakeholders to join our mission and accelerate concrete actions towards gender equality in the energy sector. We would also like to provide practical suggestions and share best practices on how to move from commitment to action.

### **Agenda**

***Moderator:** Azadeh Badieijaryani – Secretary, Equality Initiative*

| <b>Time</b>      | <b>Section Description</b> | <b>Section Speaker(s)</b>   |
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| 08:02 – 08:04 AM | Welcome                    | Annette Hollas – Chair of the Equality Initiative; Manager, International Engagement, Natural Resources Canada        |
| 08:04 – 08:08 AM | Keynote                    | Lee McDonough – Director General, Net Zero, Nuclear and International, UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero |

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| 08:08 –<br>08:50 AM | <p>Deep Dive into the Equality Initiative:</p> <p>Introduction to Workstreams</p> <p>and</p> <p>Exchange of Practices, Effective Strategies, and Challenges</p> | <p>Per-Anders Widell – Workstream 1 Coordinator; Programme Manager, International Energy Agency</p> <p>Leah Bordlee – Workstream 2 Lead; ORISE Fellow, International Affairs, US Department of Energy</p> <p>Annette Hollas – Chair of the Equality Initiative/ Workstream 3 Lead; Manager, International Engagement, Natural Resources Canada</p> <p>Mijal Brady Berkowitz – Member of the Equality Initiative; Coordinator of the International Affairs Office, Ministry of Energy, Chile</p> <p>Azadeh Badieijaryani – Secretary of the Equality Initiative/ Workstream 4 Coordinator; Research Associate, Austrian Society for Environment and Technology (ÖGUT)</p> <p>Annette Hollas – Chair of the Equality Initiative/ Workstream 5 Lead; Manager, International Engagement, Natural Resources Canada</p> <p>Kushla Munro – Member of the Equality Initiative; Head of Division, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia</p> |
| 08:50 –<br>08:54 AM | Closing Remarks   | Barbara Kauffmann – Director for Employment, Social Governance and Analysis, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission  |
| 08:54 –<br>09:00 AM | Q&A   |   |

\*For virtual attendance, please join our session via Zoom.

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