

# Creating Gender-informed Strategies, Policies, and Regulations for Clean Energy Projects and Programs

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- **Victoria Healey**, Project Director, NREL
- **Ellen Morris, Ph.D.**, Program Lead for University Partnerships, NREL

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- **Denise Mortimer**, Policy Analyst and Gender Advisor, Power Africa
- **Jennye Greene**, Partner, Sustainable Energy Solutions
- **Monica Maduekwe**, Resource Mobilization Specialist, ECREEE
- **Kalee Whitehouse**, Senior Analyst, Cadmus Group & **Julie Curti**, Associate, Cadmus Group
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# Solutions Center: Background & Vision

- Multilateral initiative, of the Clean Energy Ministerial, is co-led by the Australian Department of the Environment and Energy, and the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Additional funding support from the Swedish Government, Power Africa & the Hewlett Foundation
- The Solutions Center is a unique CEM initiative assisting eligible countries in all regions of the world in strengthening clean energy policies, regulations, and finance measures
- Supporting transition of clean energy markets and technologies



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# Denise Mortimer

## Policy Analyst and Gender Advisor, Power Africa



**Denise Mortimer serves as the Gender Adviser to Power Africa, a US Government partnership aimed at doubling access to electricity in Sub Saharan Africa. In this role, Denise ensures that gender considerations are responsibly integrated into Power Africa's activities.**

Prior to joining Power Africa, Denise worked principally in the natural resources management sector in Africa in positions with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and International Resources Group. Denise served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali where she worked in community-based forest management. Denise has an undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University and a graduate degree from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and the Environment.

# Jenny Greene

## Partner, Sustainable Energy Solutions



**Jenny Greene currently works as a clean energy development consultant and has 10 years experience in the field. Her areas of expertise include gender, SME creation and investment, policy and program design. She now manages the day-to-day operations of Sustainable Energy Solutions, LLC, a consulting firm, founded in 1996, providing development partners with sound advice and research products.**

She has an A.B. in international relations from Brown University and an M.A. in climate and society from Columbia University and lives in Nashville, TN (USA).

# Monica Maduekwe

## Mobilization Specialist, ECREEE



**Monica Maduekwe works with the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECEEE). Her responsibility includes coordinating the ECOWAS Programme on Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access (ECOW-GEN), which she started.**

Through the programme, she initiated and supervised the development of the ECOWAS Policy for Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access and the ECOWAS Directive on Gender Assessment in Energy Projects.

# Kalee Whitehouse

## Senior Analyst, Cadmus Group



**Kalee Whitehouse is a Senior Analyst at Cadmus. Her work focuses on renewable energy policy, deployment, access, and social equity. Ms. Whitehouse is a technical assistance provider for various programs including the U.S. Department of Energy’s Solar in Your Community Challenge, and SolSmart.**

Through these technical assistance programs, she supports municipal governments, nonprofits, and private sector clients to help them develop their local renewable energy markets. She has facilitated workshops and trainings on equitable solar access, workforce development, and renewable energy financing which has engaged residents, city stakeholders, and utilities. Most recently in her international work, she has co-authored the *Practical Guide to Women in Energy Regulation*, with National Association for Regulatory Utility Commissioners for USAID, which provides an overview of barriers and strategies for incorporating gender equity into employment, regulatory policy, and infrastructure projects. Ms. Whitehouse received her MBA with a focus on social entrepreneurship and impact management from Brandeis University in 2015.

# Julie Curti

## Associate, Cadmus Group



**Julie Curti is an Associate who leads Cadmus’ work on climate and energy equity. She works with clients on climate and energy strategy, policy, planning, and program design in the public, non-profit, and philanthropic sectors. She is a co-author of the Practical Guide to Women in Energy Regulation.**

She recently led a project with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) to develop actionable program design resources for cities and their partners to ensure equitable access to clean energy technologies, and recently released a “Guidebook on Equitable Clean Energy Program Design” as part of this work. Ms. Curti has planned and facilitated stakeholder working groups around increasing access to affordable and efficient energy for low-income households, developing renewable energy goals, and developing disruptive strategies for reducing plastic pollution in cities.

# Christine Lins

Executive Director, Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition



In May 2017, Christine Lins co-founded GWNET, the Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition ([www.globalwomennet.org](http://www.globalwomennet.org)), which aims at empowering women in the sustainable energy sector, both in industrialised, emerging and developing countries. Furthermore, she is Member of the Board of Directors of ISES, the International Solar Energy Society.

From July 2011 until March 2018, Christine Lins acted as Executive Secretary of REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network of the 21st Century, headquartered at UNEP, the United Nations Environment Programme in Paris/France.

Between 2001 and 2011, Ms. Lins served as Secretary General of the European Renewable Energy Council. Previously, she worked in a regional energy agency in Austria promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

Ms. Lins holds a Masters degree in international economics and applied languages. She has more than 20 years of working experience in the field of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.

# Question and Answer Session



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