Deep Dive Workshop (DDW) on "Gender Inclusive Clean Energy Solutions to Tackle Energy Poverty"

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What are the key issues gender—energy landscape?

**Access to energy**
- Population geography effects
- Affordability

**Poverty and health issues**
- Traditional fuel sources
- Exposure to energy hazards

**Lack of economic opportunities**
- Employment
- Entrepreneurship

**Decision making and policy design**
- Representation in policy making

**Social and cultural barriers**
- Restricted in using technologies
- Limited access to training
- Lack of awareness
What are the solutions?

- Energy Master Plans and the National Development plans should include gender-inclusive energy policies
  - Policies that empower women to participate in energy-related decision making and policy design
  - Policies and set in place strategies that create awareness amongst policy makers on the relevance of gender equity in energy
What are the solutions?

- National Development Plans and SME Sector Plans should
  - Strategize on maximizing women entrepreneurship in energy-related businesses
    - Strategies can include specialized training to women on leadership, business management, etc
    - Providing access to finance for their entry into the SME sector
    - Scholarships and or training grants for short courses or training on energy related business projects
    - Creating greater awareness through community engagement and education system
What are the solutions?

- National Infrastructure Planning
  - Should focus on enhancing the quality of energy access in rural areas
    - Such as solar home systems
  - Clean cooking technologies (electric cookers for eg)
    - Will mitigate health concerns
    - Improve productivity
What are the solutions?

- International cooperation & advocacy
- Global partnerships that mobile resources and share best practices
- Global energy forums/platforms/conventions – use to advocate for energy resources and policies. Secure funding
What are the solutions?

- National Monitoring and Accountability
  - Centralized database on gender and energy issues
  - An annual national conference that presents progress and identifies challenges
  - That brings national, regional and international stakeholders together to chart ways forward using the success stories and challenges learned from the past