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# Promoting Gender Justice in the Transition to Renewable Energy

## Draft Programme

Side event alongside the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women  
(CSW65)

Date: 25 March 2021 | Time: 8:30 CST /15:30 CET

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| <p><b>Welcome and introduction</b><br/>(7 min)</p>   | <p><b>Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona,</b><br/>Executive Director of GI-ESCR and former Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Sepúlveda will provide a welcome message to the speakers and the audience and a brief overview of the main questions that will be addressed during the session to frame the debate.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the potential risks of renewable energy policies or interventions that do not incorporate a gender perspective nor ensure women’s full and effective participation?</li><li>• How can women’s full and effective participation contribute to a just transition to renewable energy?</li></ul> |
| <p><b>Opening remarks: Women’s full and effective participation in the transition to renewable energy as essential to achieving substantive equality</b><br/>(7 min)</p> | <p><b>Ms Nahla Haidar</b><br/>Member of CEDAW Committee</p> <p>Ms. Haidar will provide a brief overview of CEDAW’s perspective on this topic.</p>   |
| <p><b>Kick off interactive exercise</b><br/>(7 min)</p>  | <p>Staff will post in the chat a link to the following question:</p> <p>“Why do you think it is important to ensure women’s full and effective participation in renewable energy policies and projects?”</p>  |



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|   | <p>Link to be shared: <a href="http://www.wooclap.com/NNMOTC">www.wooclap.com/NNMOTC</a></p> <p>All members of the audience will introduce their answers in no more than 3 words. After a few minutes, staff will share the screen to display the responses of the audience in a colourful “word cloud”.</p>   |
| <p><b>Women’s participation in renewable energy policymaking</b><br/>(7 min)</p>  | <p><b>Ms Irene Gonzalez Pijuan</b><br/><b>Engineers Without Borders</b></p> <p>Ms Gonzalez Pijuan will address why women’s participation is critical to ensure a just transition to renewable energy and will describe the example of women’s participation in national energy policy making in Spain.</p>   |
| <p><b>Women’s decision-making in land tenure and governance</b><br/>(7 min)</p>   | <p><b>Ms Beth Roberts</b><br/><b>Landesa</b></p> <p>Ms Roberts will address the adverse impacts of renewable energy projects on women’s rights to land and her insights on how we should move forward to ensure women’s full and effective participation in land governance and decision-making in land tenure to ensure a just and gender-inclusive transition to renewable energy.</p>   |
| <p><b>Women’s participation in large-scale renewable energy projects</b><br/><b>Case study 1:</b><br/><b>Hydroelectric complex in Guatemala</b><br/>(7 min)</p> | <p><b>Ms Liliana Avila</b><br/><b>Human Rights and Environmental Program at the Interamerican Association for Environmental Defence (AIDA)</b></p> <p>Ms. Avila will provide an overview of the human rights implications of the lack of participation of women in large-scale renewable energy projects and will showcase potential avenues to redress this issue. She will also briefly introduce a case study and a video on the construction of a Hydroelectric facility in Guatemala which has had serious gender impacts on the local community.</p> |
| <p><b>Women’s participation in large-scale renewable energy projects</b></p>  | <p><b>Ms Paulina Montes de Oca</b><br/><b>ProDESC</b></p>  |



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**Case study 2:**

**Windfarms in Mexico**

**(7 min)**

Ms. Montes de Oca will discuss the implications of the lack of participation of the local indigenous women in the development of wind farms in the region of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico. She will briefly present the case of the Women Human Rights Defenders of Unión Hidalgo whose fundamental rights have been greatly impacted by the development of large scale-wind farms in their territories.

**Questions & Answers**

**(20 min)**

The audience will use the chat to make questions to the speakers and the moderator will read a few of them out loud and provide time for speakers to answer them.

**Concluding Remarks**

**(15 min)**

Each speaker will have 2 min to share their concluding remarks.

**Closing**

**(2 min)**

Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, Executive Director of GI-ESCR and former Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights