Energizing Equality

The importance of integrating gender equality principles in national energy policies and frameworks

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Methods

• To what extent is gender being mainstreamed in energy policies and other policy frameworks at the national level?

• IUCN GGO’s gender keyword dictionary was used to identify keyword mentions in frameworks:
  
  – gender, sex, female, woman, women, girl, equity and equality

• The keywords were analyzed for context, to identify the ways in which gender has been characterized in each framework
Key Findings

From a sample of 192 documents from 137 countries, nearly one-third of national energy frameworks include gender considerations to some extent.
Regional Comparison
National Energy Frameworks

- LAC: 10% with gender mention, 39 with no gender mention
- OECD: 9% with gender mention, 4 with no gender mention
- Non-OECD Europe/Eurasia: 0% with gender mention, 23 with no gender mention
- MENA: 0% with gender mention, 4 with no gender mention
- SSA: 73% with gender mention, 12 with no gender mention
- Asia and the Pacific: 46% with gender mention, 26 with no gender mention

Legend:
- Blue: # of documents with women and/or gender mention
- Yellow: # of documents with no women and/or gender mention
Characterization of Women

- 5% of policies identify women as vulnerable.
- 17% of policies identify women as beneficiaries.
- 20% of policies identify women as stakeholders.
- 1% of policies identify women as agents of change.
Gender-Energy Nexus

- 10% frameworks: Energy, gender and time poverty
- 10% frameworks: Gender-energy nexus in rural areas
- 1% frameworks: Gender-energy nexus in urban areas
- 11% frameworks: Energy and women's health and well-being
- 11% frameworks: Women in energy technology and innovation
- 10% frameworks: Women's inclusion in the energy sector
Powering Forward

• Research and document the motivation for mainstreaming gender in energy policies

• Identify enabling conditions for countries to mainstream gender into their national frameworks

• Map the extent to which gender objectives of the energy policies are set into action

• Build on lessons of the traditional energy sector to advance research, build capacity and advocacy to propel an equitable, sustainable and gender-responsive renewable energy sector
THANK YOU!

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