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Women's Partners Constituent Group GAP

Intervention on Panel B: Sustainable Energy

Thank you Chair and good afternoon. My name is Lillian Sol, I am from Mexico and I would like to share some considerations and highlight some priorities in relation to “sustainable energy and cities”. I am speaking on behalf of the Women's Partners Constituent Group.

Considering that sustainable energy is a basic precondition to reach sustainable development and eradicate poverty in human settlements, last year was decided that there should be a specific energy goal in the 2030 Agenda. In order to achieve “access to energy for all” goal, it is necessary to contemplate not only how much energy is needed but what kind of energy is offered, how this energy is provided and to whom. This means,

- To consider inequalities and not assume that energy is a gender- and age neutral sector.
- To be aligned with the human rights framework and promote it.
- Change domestic policies and norms in order to internalize environmental and social negative impacts based on “do-no-harm indicators”
- Prioritize financing small-scale, technologically appropriate and locally driven energy projects, with direct multiple social, economic and environmental benefits.
- Uphold the application of the “precautionary principle” as well as other safeguards in the case of non-conventional energy processes;
- Ensure the exclusion of inefficient energy approaches that have proven to be inequitable, ineffective, dangerous and otherwise unsustainable, for example, large dams, nuclear energy and fracking.
- Support training of women on the use, development, production and marketing of renewable and low-carbon energy technologies, and support opportunities to share that knowledge with other women;
- Set targets for women's participation in projects and programs designed to expand energy access, including as designers, managers and entrepreneurs and respond to their respective needs and interests;
- Finally, establish programs and centers focused on capacity building for all women on renewable energy business initiatives and opportunities.