

NAIROBI COMMITMENT STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AFRICAN WOMEN ENERGY ENTREPRENEURS FRAMEWORK

FROM RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENTATION



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We, participants, gathered in Nairobi, 2 and 3 December 2017, during the launch of African Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework (AWEEF) agreed on the Nairobi Commitments aimed at promoting implementation of the Libreville Outcome Statement of 14th June 2017 on Women Entrepreneurs and Sustainable Energy in Africa.

Taking note of the Libreville Outcome Statement and the decision made at the 16th session of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment on “Investing in Innovative Environmental solutions to accelerate the implementation of the sustainable development goals and the African Union Agenda 2063;

Recognizing that the establishment of African Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework will serve as a vehicle for implementation of innovative environment solution action plan and empower Africa women entrepreneurs in the energy sector.

Recognizing African Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework provides benefits to various categories of members that include government, private sectors, NGOs, CSOs, educational research institutions, women entrepreneurs, youth and individual citizens.

Recognizing the need to address the challenges posed by climate change, indoor pollution and energy poverty.

Further recognizing the Global and continental development agendas, such as, SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), SDG 7 (ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), SDG 12 (responsible consumption and production) and SDG 13 (take urgent to combat climate change and its impacts); the African Union Declaration of 2015 as the Year of Women’s Empowerment and Development towards Africa Agendas 2063.

Commit to:

1. Integrate African Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework’s vision, mission, values and goals into Africa Energy Stakeholders’ Initiatives.
2. Develop programmes and projects in clean and sustainable energy and energy services that are inclusive.

3. Develop integrated approaches to create social, economic and environmental innovative solutions and facilitate achievement of the global and continental development agenda (SDG 2030, Paris Agreement 2015 and AU Agenda 2063).
4. Use African Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework to mobilize resources for the implementation of projects, programmes identified at national, sub-regional and continental levels.
5. Encourage multilateral and other financial institutions' investments in Africa to a set proportion of financial resources to women-led decentralized renewable energy solutions with favorable access modalities,
6. Use African Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework to coordinate the existing and potential initiatives to build strong partnerships and synergies.
7. Provide leadership and incentivize women to be actively involved in the whole energy value chain
8. Promote enabling policy mechanisms informed by gender analysis and sex- and age-disaggregated data to accelerate the sustainable growth of micro-, small, medium and large women-led enterprises across the energy value chain.
9. Move from commitment to implementation in the field, complemented by robust monitoring systems;

And

10. Recognize and endorse the diversity of all stakeholders and ensure that progressive opinions are integrated into the process of implementing the Libreville outcome statement through African Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework.

Done

Nairobi, Kenya

2 December 2017.