Networking in Gender and Energy:

ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Energy

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ENERGIA: International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy

- Established in 1995 by women in the Netherlands and Germany
- Reaches out to more than 1800 members in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania
- Receives core funding from DGIS and SIDA
- Administered as a project within the ETC Foundation, the Netherlands
- Operates through regional and national focal points
ENERGIA: International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy

- Aims to institutionalise gender and energy in mainstream energy organisations and those concerned with social development and poverty issues.

- **Mission:**
  To *engender* energy and to *empower* women, through the promotion of information exchange, training, research, advocacy and action aimed at strengthening the role of women in sustainable energy development.
ENERGIA Phase One
1996 - 1999

- Initial financing from DGIS
- Main Objective: increased credibility and activities on women and energy in mainstream energy organisations
- Main activity: ENERGIA News, a quarterly newsletter as a critical forum for information exchange
ENERGIA Phase 2
1999 - 2002

- Building on the awareness raised in the first phase, Phase 2 began to provide services to meet the increasing demands for assistance in integrating gender in energy programmes, policies and projects.

- Core funding from DGIS and SIDA

- Five priority needs identified and translated into ENERGIA’s Activities: capacity building, advocacy, research, information exchange and regionalization
Outcomes of Mid-term Evaluation

- More focused but expanded programme (4 years)
- Advocacy on gender and energy still important
- Need to develop network members’ capability
- Area of research need to be re-defined
- Institutional set-up need elaboration, more southern influence in decision making
 Proposal for Phase 3 developed based on the recommendations from the mid-term evaluation of Phase 2 and the outcomes of the ENERGIA Phase 3 Planning Workshop held in February 2002.

- Core funding from SIDA and DGIS
- Focus on decentralization
- Three strategy areas:
  - Advocacy and advise
  - Analysis
  - Capacity Building
ENERGIA Phase 3
Network Building and Regionalization

- National and (sub) regional networks, formed with ENERGIA support
- ENERGIA Focal Points formally selected through stakeholder meetings in 9 organizations in Africa and 7 in South and Southeast Asia
- Encourage & support long-term partnerships among South & North organizations: UNDP, IRADE and ENDA
- Regional Network Coordinator to support and coordinate network building from within the region
Asia Activities in Phase 3

- First meeting of National Focal Points held in December 2003: 25 organizations, representation of regional institutions: UNIFEM, UNESCAP, AIT
- Agreement on structure, priorities, and areas of work
- Identification of capacity building needs of network members
## Asia National Focal Points

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Organizational Structure
Phase 3 Strategy: Advocacy

- Participation in workshops and expert groups to influence policy
- Building institutional linkages with other institutions and networks
- Raise gender profile at international conferences (participation, papers, workshops) such as Renewables 04 & WREC
- Advisory services on gender and energy programs – ESMAP, UNDP, DFID, etc
- Phase 2 Advocacy activities continued with increased support to regional advocacy
Phase 3 Strategy: Analysis

- Deepen the understanding of energy, gender and poverty linkages through analysis of existing literature and case study research, and use these findings to improve project, programme and policy design.
- Developing tools, guidelines, indicators on gender and energy.
- DFID project with principle investigator Elizabeth Cecelski and 7 partners institutions.
Phase 3 Strategy: Capacity Building

Capacity building for network members and Focal Points

- Plan and execute projects that recognize explicitly the energy needs of men and women distinctly and address them
- Project and proposal development
- Gender tools and methodologies
- Gender sensitive technology evaluation
- Advocacy and fund raising skills
- Information sharing through newsletters, meetings etc.
Phase 3 Strategy: Capacity Building

Capacity building for policy makers and implementers of energy programmes

- Advocating involvement of women’s organizations and gender advocates in policy dialogues
- Supporting measures to build gender-disaggregated databases to feed into national planning
- Developing skills in employing gender analytical tools
- Dissemination and exchange of information on successful instances of integrating gender and energy
Phase 3 Activities: Information Exchange

- ENERGIA News, a quarterly newsletter as a critical forum for information exchange.
- ENERGIANet, e-newsletter <www.energia.org>
- Resource Center focusing on synthesis and dissemination of knowledge
- List-serve for information sharing: events, new developments, request for proposals.
Asia Activities in Phase 3

- Core support for national level networking activities
- Support to gender and energy training workshops
- Support to participation in regional advocacy workshops/conferences
- Support to development of knowledge resources
- Participation of members in DFID Research Project
- Support for project development
Asia Activities in Phase 3

- Support to NFPs for documentation and dissemination
- Sub-regional collaborations (joint projects)
- Support in project and proposal development
- Collaboration with other networks

"evolve into a brokering organisation, focused on providing valuable information and services that enable and stimulate activity in the area of gender and energy."
ENERGIA-INFORSE Collaboration

- Overlapping thematic areas
- Common partners
- Contribution to planning
- Sharing resources: capacity building programmes
- ENERGIA news and EnergiaNet
ENERGIA-INFORSE Collaboration

- Sharing resources: capacity building programmes, training modules, resource persons
- Sub-regional collaborations
- Sharing information: events, RFPs...
- Joint representation in advocacy events/meetings: combined ‘voice’