

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the February 2016 edition of Access for Women in Energy Newsletter.

This new edition includes recent press articles related to women and their contribution to the energy sector worldwide. From Huston, to Abuja, to Dubai and to Kingston, the role of women in the energy industry is increasingly visible and influential.

On March 10, our sister organisation, the Windsor Energy Group (WEG) held an expert roundtable in the City of London which discussed Iran energy developments. This was chaired by Lord Howell. Our Iran energy discussion took place over a dinner hosted by British law firm, Trowers. Among those taking part was HE Mohammad Nahavandian, Head of the President Office and Chief of Staff, Sir Richard Dalton, a former British ambassador to Iran and Jack Straw, a former British foreign secretary.

As we stand on the verge of an E-vehicle revolution on our streets, we are holding an expert discussion, on March 16, of what is driving this forward and what are the challenges. This meeting will be chaired by Lord Flight. Among those taking part will be Mr Alejandro Agag, the CEO of Formula E. If you wish to join the discussion, please confirm to Mr. Ezy Sassoon, Secretariat of the Windsor Energy Group at info@meconsult.co.uk

Lord Howell, chair of the Windsor Energy Group, has published a new book on the difficulties arising from pressures to phase out fossil fuels. He said: "The energy world is dangerously divided between the fossil fuel producers and the environmentalists. It's becoming a head-on fight between the world of still plentiful oil, gas and coal we currently live in and the low-carbon future for which more and more governments and peoples are aiming.

We hope you will find this material informative. Please do not hesitate to contact us at projects@meconsult.co.uk should you wish to receive more information about the Women in Energy initiative, our newsletter or forthcoming events.

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Nigeria: Women to Play Roles in Sustainable Energy Development

Abuja – February 5, 2016

Mrs Binta Bello, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, said experience overtime in energy and diverse sectors suggested that women had important roles to play in sustainable energy development. Bello said this on Friday in Abuja during a one-day Consultative Forum on Gender Issues in Renewable Energy Management Options. [Read More](#)



Influential Women in Business: Karina Briño

Vancouver – February 8, 2016



If you can imagine Karina Briño, president and CEO of the Mining Association of BC (MABC), perusing Pablo Neruda's love poems in the shadow of towering walls of books as a young student at the University of British Columbia, then you will begin to appreciate the unique composition of her success. How did a socially minded student of Spanish literature who nursed a dream of eradicating poverty become the head of one of B.C.'s oldest associations in an industry that has regularly grossed annual revenues of more than \$8 billion? [Read More](#)

Women in Energy Panel Runs Tonight in Dawson Creek

Alaska – February 18, 2016

As a kick-off to the national Let's Talk Energy Week Feb. 20-27, Encana Corp. and Skills BC are hosting a free women in energy leadership. The panel, which will be moderated by Alaska Highway News columnist Judy Kucharuk, will explore issues impacting women in the oil and gas industry. [Read More](#)



Local & International Businesses Collaborate on Women in Energy Conference

Kingston, February 22, 2016



A number of local and international companies have signalled their intention to partner with JPS to host the first ever Women in Energy Conference to be held in the Caribbean. The event is scheduled for March 10 -11 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston. The companies that have pledged their early support for the conference are: New Fortress Energy, Marubeni Corporation, Petrojam, Jamaica Private Power Company (JPPC), General Electric, and BMR Energy. [Read More](#)

Clean Energy and Women's Equality Top List of Concerns of Bill and Melinda Gates

New York - Feb 22, 2016

In their annual letter outlining their latest thoughts about philanthropy, Bill and Melinda Gates focused on their quests to find a sustainable source of clean energy and to rethink the household division of labor so that women in developing countries have access to greater opportunity. This year's letter took a somewhat different approach than those of the past. [Read More](#)



Women in Energy Industries

Dubai - February 23, 2016



Global Women's Forum Dubai today underscored the importance of women's participation in energy industries during an insightful session on "Gender Matters for Energy" held at the Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai. Moderated by Rym Tina Ghazal, Senior Features Writer and Columnist for The National newspaper, the session's two guest speakers described their passion for the energy industry. [Read More](#)

Micro-grid Energy Proudly Sponsors NationWise – Women in Solar Energy Roundtable

Missouri – February 23, 2016

St. Louis-based Microgrid Energy is a proud sponsor of NationWISE, a national roundtable held simultaneously on one evening, in 17 cities across the country. This will be the second year for NationWISE, which is hosted by Women In Solar Energy (WISE), a national nonprofit aimed at advancing women in solar and related fields. [Read More](#)



Tackling Gender Issues in Renewable, Sustainable Energy

Abuja – February 24, 2016



Concerns over the safe use of energy especially for domestic purposes have been expressed at different fora, with stakeholders speaking on the pros and cons of the topic. Of the sources of energy for domestic cooking, coal (firewood) ranks highest when compared with gas and kerosene. Yet traditional sources of domestic energy combined with commercial gas flaring continue to contribute significantly to environmental pollution. [Read More](#)

Mboolo Society a model centre for women on renewable energy

Gambia – February 26, 2016

Speaking in an interview with this paper, Ms Silvia Liopart Gracia thanked the Global Environment Fund (GEF) small grants funding project for their complementary support, because with the grant they were able to hire an expert in specialize areas to work with them. “We did many training activities and over 30 Gambians joined us to implement the project together with the association. [Read More](#)



It's Time for Women to Take Power in the Global Move Toward Clean Energy

Pakistan, February 26, 2016

Just as renewable energy is beginning to take a much bigger share of the world energy market, the number of young women pursuing science and math degrees in the United States is falling. In the late 1990s, more than a third of people working in energy jobs in the United States were women; today it's less than 18 percent.

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Woman to Watch: Pink Petro Founder Hosts Global Forum for Women in Energy

Houston – March 1, 2016



Last year, Katie Mehnert founded Pink Petro to create an online community for women in energy. The former BP exec attracted sponsorships from Shell Oil, Halliburton and KPMG and paid memberships (fees range from \$50 to \$500 per year) from energy executives in 21 countries around the world. On Tuesday, she's marking Pink Petro's first year with The HerWorld Energy Forum, hosted at Halliburton headquarters in Houston and live-streamed around the globe. [Read More](#)

Women Must Play a Greater Role in the Shift to Clean Energy, Say Industry Leaders

Dubai – March 3, 2016

Prominent women leaders from across the Middle East and North Africa's clean energy community have called for women to be more actively encouraged to seek and fill roles within the renewable energy industry. Senior representatives from the Women in Clean Energy (WICE) working group have said the absence of greater female representation in renewable energy could threaten the success of the shift to clean power sources in the region. [Read More](#)

