



FIRST PROGRESS REPORT

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Title of Project Document (usually the name of the seed funding proposal approved by ENERGIA):
Seed Funding for Gender and Energy Network South Africa (GENSA)

Project Period: **1 July 2009 – 31 Dec 2010**

Reporting period (start date – end date): **October 2009 - February 2010**

Date of Report: **March 2010**

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Progress Report

1. Introduction (please keep this paragraph as is)

In 2007, the ENERGIA Network entered its fourth phase (January 1st, 2007 to June 30th, 2011) by receiving financial support from the Netherlands Directorate General for International Cooperation (DGIS) under the DGIS-MFS funding window and from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). Under DGIS funding, ENERGIA has been requested to monitor and evaluate its activities in terms of outputs, outcomes and sustainability and is expected to report its yearly progress by applying a set of indicators for its activities. For networking activities (financed under seed funding) this is translated into the need to identify the following:

	Indicator	Target 2010
Output:	Number persons reached through information sharing and awareness raising activities undertaken by the network members	Participants to network activities organized by NFPs, Subscriber to ENERGIA publications, number of ENERGIA network members actively participating in information sharing events
Outcome:	Increase in number of key actors who express awareness and use the knowledge base experience of ENERGIA within their own activities.	20% increase (<i>baseline</i> : to be established through mapping in collaboration with NFPs in 2007-2008)
Sustainability	In 22 countries national network members have secured additional funding to support gender and energy related actions in their countries.	

The present report for seed funding activities is intended to identify the abovementioned indicators and feed the overall reporting format for DGIS and SIDA, including the identification of lessons learned, challenges and opportunities for the future of the national networks (sustainability).

2. Overview of outcomes, deliverables and activities planned during the reporting period and time

This report aims to provide a description of the activities undertaken by GENSA based at the HSRC since October 2009 to February 2010. The report focuses on the priority activities as listed under the intervention strategies on the cooperation agreement between the ETC Foundation and the Human Sciences Research Council.

Delays and difficulties

Due to the late signing of the contract by both the HSRC and ETC Foundation, the project has suffered a three month delay i.e. instead of starting in August 2009 it started in November 2009. The December holidays in South Africa also made it difficult to carry out some activities such as membership recruitment, organizing strategy meetings and collecting information for the newsletters.

List of intervention strategies

1. Develop efficient administration and communication systems
2. Networking towards building and strengthening local gender and energy capacity
3. Research project

3. Achievements made

3.1 Developing an efficient administration and communication system

3.1.1 Finalise volunteer ToR for assistance with administration work for the network

Through the assistance of the HSRC, an administrator (Phelokazi Matiwane) was employed on a contract basis from 16 November 2009. At first she was placed on a 'freelance contract' but the Human Resources department changed this to a short-term renewable contract. The budget allocated to her employment allows her to work a total of two full days per week. She uses office space at the HSRC and has access to a computer, telephone and other resources to enable her to carry out her duties. See Annex 5 – Phelokazi Matiwane's CV.

3.1.2 Workplan development

The workplan that has been developed shows work responsibilities for the National Focal Point contact person (Nthabiseng Mohlakoana), with the help of the administrator. So far, the work plan document is not at a state where it can be used for fundraising but gives a clear indication of the time lines and targets that GENSA has set. See Annex 6 – Work plan as developed by the NFP

3.1.3 Create and distribute newsletter

The first newsletter will be published in mid-April 2010. Articles are to be collected from GENSA members that have volunteered to send information on work that they are engaged in. The second newsletter will be published in May and the third in August.

3.2 Networking towards building and strengthening local gender and energy capacity

3.2.1 Updating membership list

To date, Phelokazi has created a new list of GENSA members. This she has done by going through the old list of members found on the ENERGIA website and contacting each person through email and telephone requesting them to renew their membership.

Another strategy used was to go through a list of individuals that were listed on the report by Annecke, A., Banda, K., Makhabane, T., Mohlakoana, N. and Williams, J. (2006). This was an output of a project funded by the Department of Science and Technology titled: "Audit of Women in the Energy Sector: Ten Years On". The list has 352 names and all of them have been contacted through email to ask them to join the network. As expected, not everyone responds to such requests, but so far, some individuals have accepted the invitation. An email address has been created for GENSA at the HSRC for all the enquiries and administration: gensa-energia@hsrc.ac.za

So far, the list has just over 20 members that have been newly recruited and are dedicated to working with GENSA. The membership list has a variety of people ranging from government employees to people working in and with community organizations. The database has been created using Microsoft Access software which makes it easy to capture members' details. See Annex 7 for GENSA membership form and Annex 1 for list of current members

3.2.2 Preparation of introduction briefs

The introduction briefs will be prepared simultaneously with the newsletters. They will give brief accounts of the network activities and be distributed to similar networks where the newsletter will be introduced. The briefs will also include a power point presentation to send out a common message to all by GENSA members.

3.2.3 Promotion of the network

The network is being promoted through the recruitment of new members. Information on how the network operates is explained on the membership form's introduction note (see Annex 7). Those who require more information on the network are contacted and more information given.

3.2.4 Hosting 4 meetings to consolidate network members

The first introductory meeting was held on 23 February 2010. It was attended by a variety of stakeholders interested in gender, sustainable energy, climate change, basic services and human rights issues. The meeting introduced ENERGIA and GENSA to the participants. A number of issues were discussed, including potential project development, potential funding and the importance of having such a network in SA. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to think of work that they could do together and exchange experiences whilst building each other's capacity. For full meeting report see Annex 8.

3.3 Research project development

3.3.1 Meeting to discuss and identify research or project work

At the meeting held on 23 February 2010, members attending voiced their keenness on being part of a research activity that will promote gender sensitivity in policy documents formulation. It was agreed that the group will identify projects they would like to be involved in and meet at a later date to strategise and develop proposals. See Annex 8.

4. Activities planned for next reporting period

Deliverables	Timelines starting 1 April 2010 and ending 31 Dec 2010
Supervise volunteer supporting GENSA with administrative work as stated in the ToR	30 August 2009 & 30 December 2009
Detailed work-plan	April 2010
3 issues of network newsletter (70 copies per issue) published and distributed	Mid-April 2010 30 June & 30 Dec 2010
Continuous update of database and inventory of network members	30 June & 30 December 2010
Updated PowerPoint & 3 new briefs on the Network's priorities/activities produced and distributed	Mid-April 2010, 30 June & 30 December 2010
Communication strategy agreed with core network members and potential members contacted and reflected in updated report on communications	30 June & 30 December 2010
3 Meetings/activity reports and fundraising proposals developed	30 April, 30 June & 30 December 2010
Minutes of meeting that identifies project or research topic (could be information required for lobbying)	18-19 May 2010
Bi-annual report	30 June 2010
Final report and final invoice	30 December 2010

5. Overview on the current status of deliverables

Progress for the reporting period

Del. No	Deliverable name	Date due	Percentage of work completed	Delivery date
1	Supervise volunteer supporting GENSA with administrative work as stated in the ToR	Ongoing	50%	End of contract
2	Detailed work-plan	Ongoing	50%	30 April 2010
3	3 issues of network newsletter (70 copies per issue) published and distributed	Mid-April 2010 30 June & 30 Dec 2010	10% - planning of interviews and structuring of newsletters	Mid-April 2010 30 June & 30 Dec 2010
4	Continuous update of database and inventory of network members	Ongoing	80%	Ongoing
5	Updated PowerPoint & 3 new briefs on the Network's priorities/activities produced and distributed	Mid-April 2010, 30 June & 30 December 2010	30%	Mid-April 2010, 30 June & 30 December 2010
6	Communication strategy agreed with core network members and potential members contacted and reflected in updated report on communications	30 June & 30 December 2010	20%	30 June & 30 December 2010
7	3 Meetings/activity reports and fundraising proposals developed	30 April, 30 June & 30 December 2010	40%	30 April, 30 June & 30 December 2010
8	Minutes of meeting that identifies project or research topic (could be info required for lobbying)	18-19 May 2010	30%	18-19 May 2010
9	Bi-annual report	30 June 2010	10%	30 June 2010
10	Final report and final invoice	30 December 2010	10%	30 December 2010

6. Deviations from the project work plan

Challenge: Due to contracts being signed late by both the HSRC and ETC, most activities have had to be postponed to start in mid-November 2009 instead of August 2009, at least three months later than the original dates. This was also caused by the NFP (N Mohlakoana) having accepted more responsibilities at the HSRC due to the late start of the GENSA contract.

Corrective measure: Have informed the IS, ARC and the RNC and have asked to reschedule dates. Most of the work has taken priority and hopefully it will be completed before or by the end of the contract.

7. Action points/support required from the Africa Regional Secretariat, Regional Network Coordinator and/or the International Secretariat

The following could be provided to the NFP by the ARC and RNC:

- To identify funding opportunities for pursuing activities expected from the NFP
- To understand that the NFP has time pressures from their employer and is expected to fulfil hours of paid work by the organisations employing them
- To ensure that contracts between ETC and the NFP hosting organisation are finalised in time to ensure that there are no delays in delivery of activities
- To simplify report templates so as not to spend too much time writing up reports
- To link the NFP with other NFPs (from the region / neighbouring countries) and network members that have gone through similar experiences such as starting and reviving a network. Their knowledge and assistance could be of assistance to an NFP that is starting a network.

8. Leveraging other actions and funding

So far, funding used has been from ENERGIA-ETC for activities undertaken by the NFP. It should be noted though that a lot of time spent on seed activities such as planning for events, writing reports, etc is mainly paid for by the hosting organisation where the NFP is based as no time-billing was budgeted for in the proposal.

9. Lessons learnt/ way forward for national networks

Please include a short narrative, using the following points (and any other that you may think relevant)

- a) What were relevant lessons learned (provide at least 3) during this period (in relation to any of the subjects mentioned above or to other topics that you find relevant for the project and the network)?
 - It is important to ensure that there is enough time and resources dedicated for seed activities within the given time frame to ensure sustainability of activities
- b) How were the network members (actively) involved during this period? If relevant: what could be done to stimulate more active involvement of network members?
 - Network members actively involved are those in the proposal submitted for seed funding, namely Ms. N Mohlakoana and Dr. W Annecke with the assistance of Ms. P Matiwane who is helping with administrative tasks.
 - Since the network had to start afresh and revive membership, only a few people are actively involved as members in exchanging ideas on what GENSA can be involved in as a network and the types of organisations it can associate itself with.
- c) In general, has the national network been strengthened during this period (in what way)? If not, please elaborate on why this may be so.
 - Membership has grown from less than 5 people to more than twenty within four months.
 - There has been interaction with other networks within SA working on gender and environmental issues, the Commission of Gender Equality with possibilities of further funding and coordinating some activities.
 - The network has managed to sign up members from grassroots organisations working with issues affecting men and women in the South African townships such as lack of resources like energy.

Annexes

Annex 1. Changes in membership

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name	Type of organization	Job title	Job description	Work Phone	Fax Number	Email Address	Postal address	Date Joined
1. Matshepiso	Makhabane	Ms	Dikepolana Resources	Private company	MD	Marketing of company	011-493 5855	086 501 3138	matshepiso@dikepolana.co.za		1/1/1995
2. Megan	Euston-Brown	Ms	Sustainable Energy Africa	Non governmental organisation	PM	Manage City Energy support unit of SEA	021-702 3622	021-702 3622	megan@sustainable.org.za	Green Building, 9B Bell Crescent Close, Westlake Business Park, Tokai, Cape Town, 7945	
3. Maryann	Green	Prof	University of KZN	Academia and / research institution	Senior Research Associate	Research and student supervision	033-260 5271	033-260 6118	green@ukzn.ac.za	Cead University of KZN P/bag X01 Scottsville 3209	1/1/2005
4. Jocelyn	Muller	Ms	Grace	Individual working on gender and energy issues	Participatory development practitioner	Development research with expertise in people		086 619 7160	jocelyn.muller@gmail.com	18 Royal Road Muizenburg 7945	1/1/2009
5. Amanda	Luxande	Ms	Renewable Energy Efficiency Partnership	Non-governmental organisation	Regional Manager for Southern Africa	Promote policies, regulations and finance			aluxande@gmail.com	29 Lacamargue 20 Benmore Road Sandton 2196 Johannesburg	
6. Makoma	Lekalakala	Ms	Women Energy and Climate Change Forum	Grassroots Urban Women's organisation	Programs Officer	Coordination of energy and climate programs	011-339 3662	011-339 3270	makomaphil@gmail.com, makoma@earthlife.org.za	PO Box 32131 BRAAMFONTEIN 2017	
7. Wandile	Kallipa	Mr	Channel Africa Radio, external	Non governmental organisation	Senior Journalist	Reporter	011-714 3759	011-714 4956	kallipaw@channelafrica.org	PO Box 91313 Auckland Park 2006	

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name	Type of organization	Job title	Job description	Work Phone	Fax Number	Email Address	Postal address	Date Joined
			service SABC							JOHANNESBURG	
8. Cynthia	Reynders	Ms	Minerals and Education and Training Institute	Trust - NGO	Chief Executive Officer		011-709 4686	011-709 4657	cynthia.reynders@meeti.org.za	PO Box 599 RANDBURG 2125	
9. Yachika	Reddy	Ms	Sustainable Energy Africa	Non-governmental organisation	Project Manager	Integrating sustainable energy development prac	021-702 3622	021-702 3622		Green Building, 9B Bell Crescent Close Westlake 7945	
10. Carmel	Bester	Mrs	Eskom	Individual working on gender and energy issues	Nuclear Safety Assurance Senior Advisor	Assess the performance of Koeberg Nuclear Power St	021-550 4912		Carmel.bester@eskom.co.za	Private BagX10 Kernkrag 7440	
11. Fick	Nettie	Ms	Eskom Nuclear	Non-governmental organisation	Contracts manager	Managing contracts and quality on nuclear fuel co	011-800 5906	086-661 7202	Nettie.Fick@gmail.com	25B Partridge str Wierda Glenestate Rooihuiskraal North 0157	
12. Lileen	Lee	Ms	Total SA	Private company	LubricantsSupply Chain Of Total PTY LTD's		011-778 3632		lileen.lee@total.co.za	299 Bierman Street Rosebank	
13. Raylene	de Villiers	Mrs	Sasol Technology	Private company	Principal Scientist	IK work in the Environment field in Sasol Tech	016-960 5390	011-522 2363	Raylene.devilliers@sasol.com	1 Klasie Havenga Road Block D Office 11 Sasolburg 1947	
14. Monica	Mnguni	Ms		Private company	Director	Business Development			info@manoa.co.za	PO Box 11666 Vorna Valley 1686	
15. Nthabiseng	Mohlakoana	Ms	Human Sciences Research Council	Parastatal	Chief Researcher	Energy and Development Research	021-466 7845	021-466 7855	nmxaxulu@yahoo.com	Kenilowrth, Cape Town	1/1/2001

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name	Type of organization	Job title	Job description	Work Phone	Fax Number	Email Address	Postal address	Date Joined
16. Anna	Davies-van	Ms	International Labour Research	Non-governmental organisation	Researcher / educator	Popular research, education and publications	021-448 2282	021-448 2282	anna@ilrig.org.za	Box1213 Woodstock 7925	
17. Wendy	Anneck	Dr	GERT	Non-governmental			021-702 3622		wendya@sustainable.org.za	Green Building Weslake Business Park	
18. Erica	Southey	Ms	PetroSA	Oil and Gas Parastatal	Technical Co-ordinator	Project Management and Co-ordination of various su	021-929 3139	021-929 0196	erica.southey@petrosa.co.za	C/O PetroSA Private Bag X5 Parow 7500	
19. Zikalala	Thabisile	Ms	Eskom Holdings Ltd	Parastatal and working on energy issues	Senior Engineer	Performance Monitoring on lines connection Sa with	011-800 3587	086-539 0509	thabisilet@yahoo.com	PO Box 11603 Rynfield 1514	
20. Kamraj	Anirudhra	Adv	Commission on Gender Equality	Chapter 9	Parliamentary Officer	Parliamentary Liaison and monitoring of Legislatio	021-426 4080	086-590 0978	kamraj@cge.org.za	PO Box 1774 CAPE TOWN 8000	
21. Sivuyile	Maboda	Mr	Sustainable Energy Africa	Non-governmental	Project coordinator	Co ordinator various sustainable energy partnershi	021-702 3622	021-702 3625	Sivuyile@sustainable.org.za	The Green Building 9B Bell Crescent Close Westlake Business Park Tokai	
22. Phindiwe	Ndungane	Ms		Academia and/ or research institution	Counsellor and Higher Education HIV & AIDS Manager	Counselling student and staff, training on gender	043-704 7009	086-616 5547	pndungane@hotmail.com	P/Box 9083 EAST LONDON 5200	

Annex 2. M&E Form

National Network Dissemination Activities

Date and place: 23 February 2010

Name of organization: GENSA hosted by the Human Sciences Research Council

Filled in by: Nthabiseng Mohlakoana

OUTPUT										
Number of events by category		Number of participants			Number of participants per stakeholder group					
Category	Number	Male	Female	Total	NGO	Govt	Educ	Research	CBOs	Others
Electronic discussion										
Dissemination workshop / Awareness raising activity	11	3	8	11	6	0	0	3		2 Parastatal
National training workshop										
Publication of information material										
Other...										
<p>Notes on facilitating or hindering factors, lessons learned and recommendations: The workshop was well attended by all those invited. As this was the first strategy meeting for GENSA, the participants were clear in expressing the need for such a network where gender issues can be raised amongst people working with gender (and environment) issues.</p>										

Annex 3: Format for list of participants to workshop or awareness raising meeting*

Name and type of the activity: GENSA first strategy meeting (e.g. electronic discussion, dissemination workshop / awareness raising activity, national training workshop, publication of information material. Please prepare a separate table for different types of activities)

Name of the workshop or awareness raising meeting

Date and place: 23 February 2010, HSRC Building – Cape Town

Name of organization coordinating the activity: GENSA and Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

Objective of activity

Type of dissemination activities i.e. (see above) - Workshop

	Name of organization	Name of contact person	Male/ Female	Contact details (**tel & fax number, physical address, email, website)
1	Commission for Gender Equality	K Anirudhra	M	kamraj@cge.org.za
2	Gender and Energy Research and Training	W Annecke	F	021 702 3622 084 4473977, wendy@sustainable.org.za
3	Sustainable Energy Africa	S Maboda	M	021 702 3622, sivuyile@sustainable.org.za
4	The GreenHouse Project	D Lebelo	F	011 720 3773 / 0837658199, dorahl@ghouse.org.za
5	Paraffin Safety Association of South Africa	N Mdadane	M	021 6715767, nhlanhla@paraffinsafety.org
6	Commission for Gender Equality	Y Abrahams	F	021 426 4080 0739420971, yvette@cge.org.za
7	The Green Connection / South African Faith Communities Environment Institute	L McDaid	F	0827315643, 0216835182 liziwe@mweb.co.za , liziwe@earthlife-ct.org.za
8	HSRC-Facilitator	N Mohlakoana	F	021 4667845, nmohlakoana@hsrc.ac.za
9	350.org Climate Campaign	S Bailey	F	Samantha@350.org , 079 7440525
10	HSRC – GENSA Administrator	P Matiwane	F	021 466 7872, Gensa-energia@hsrc.ac.za
11	HSRC	S Nyide	F	021 4668092, 083 7170908, snyide@hsrc.ac.za

* Please note that this list of participants should be included in the individual report of the workshop or awareness raising activity. The list should not substitute the submission of an individual activity report.

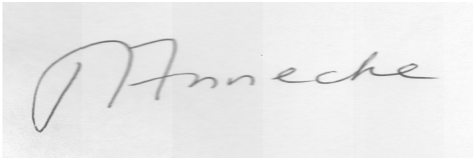
** Please include international and regional codes

Annex 4:- Steering Committee Endorsement

I, Wendy Annecke, as Chair Person of the Steering Committee of the ENERGIA national network in South Africa, have read and endorse the seed funding report prepared by GERT which is the National Focal Point of ENERGIA in South Africa, for the period October 2009 – February 2010 and I consider it to be in accordance with the activities implemented by the GENSA national network.

Endorsement given on the 9 April 2010 in Cape Town, South Africa

Name of Chair W Annecke

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W Annecke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W'.

Steering Committee

Annex 5: Phelokazi Matiwane CV

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Alternative: 078 717 1992 (Ms. Magwaca)

Email Address: phelo.matiwane@gmail.com

Personal Details

Date of birth: 22 October 1981
ID number: 8110220568082
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Single
Nationality: South African
Languages: Xhosa, English and Afrikaans

Profile

- Enjoys working independently or with a team
- Friendly and sociable, assertive in personal and business relations
- Able to work in stressful and challenging environment

Education

Tertiary:
Institution: Paralegal College
Course: National Certificate in Paralegal Studies
Date: 2001 (Whole year course)

Post-Matric School:

Institution: Headstart College
Modules: Theory
Word processing
Spreadsheet
Communication

Matric Studies:

Institution: Crestway High School (1995-1999)
Subjects: English First Language (SG)
Xhosa Second Language (HG)
Afrikaans Second Language (SG)
Business Economics (SG)
Mathematics (SG)
Biology (SG)

Extra-curricular Activities

- Youth leader in Church
- Love Life member in the community

Personal Strengths

Adaptability
Reading
Enjoy working with people
Capability to learn
Confident

Work Experience

Company	Position	Date
Intimate Data	Data capturer (part-time and project dependent)	2006 - 2009
Global Village Energy Partnership (GVEP)	Data capturer (part-time)	September 2008 – Feb 2009
Sustainable Energy Africa	Administration (Temporary work)	December 2006
DMJ Transport	Cabin attendant and ticket administrator	2003 - 2005

References

Mr. Derrick Mvalo
Position: DMJ Manager
Telephone: 084 588 8382

Mrs. Tumi Dyasi
Position: Intimate Data Quality controller
Telephone: 078 219 5703 / 021 701 5152

Dr. Wendy Annecke
Position: Gender and Energy Research and Training
Tel: 021 702 3622

Annex 6: Draft Workplan

GENSA Projects Planning 2010 – January-August

February

GENSA seed activities

- 1st Small strategy and information sharing meeting with members and potential networks – Cape Town – 23 Feb 2010

March

GENSA seed activities

- Publish and distribute 1st network newsletter with information on workshop activities, strategy meeting held with members, an interview with the DME showcasing the IY project, etc
- Send invitations to the 2nd strategy meeting

April

GENSA seed activities

- Have 2nd strategy meeting with Gauteng members / partners

May

GENSA seed activities

- Publish and distribute 2nd network newsletter
- Have 3rd strategy meeting with E-Cape or other province members / partners. Maybe link this to a gender and energy project/programme on the ground that can feature on the newsletter – end May 2010

July

GENSA seed activities

- End- July: Have 4th strategy meeting with members from all over
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August

GENSA seed activities

- Publish and distribute 3rd network newsletter

ENERGIA –International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy



Energia Background

ENERGIA is the international network on gender and sustainable energy. We work from the premise that projects, programmes and policies that explicitly address gender in energy issues will result in better outcomes, in terms of the sustainability of energy services as well as the human development opportunities available to women and men.

In recent years, it has been increasingly realized that greater attention to the needs and concerns of women, as well as men, in energy policies and programmes could help governments promote overall development goals of poverty alleviation, employment, health, education and women's empowerment. One of the principal barriers to this has been the lack of gender and energy expertise capable of providing assistance on gender integration and mainstreaming into policies and projects at all levels.

Currently, ENERGIA has a total of 22 National Focal Points (NFPs) in Africa and Asia. In Africa, 13 national focal points, a Regional Secretariat in BOTE (the Botswana Technology Centre), and a Regional Network Coordinator based in BOTE, Botswana, have been established, while in Asia nine national focal points are in operation. Focal points play a key role in the ENERGIA network, being the communication points between grassroots members and the wider international ENERGIA network. They have a catalytic role in initiating gender and energy activities within their networks

Through its South African focal point, ENERGIA would like to extend an invitation to all men and women working with energy; technical, socio-economic and gender issues, to join the Gender and Energy Network of South Africa (GENSA). Please complete the form below and send it back to Ms. Nthabiseng Mohlakoana and Ms. Phelokazi Matiwane: gensa-energia@hsrc.ac.za

You can also call Phelokazi Matiwane: 021 466 7872 or Nthabiseng Mohlakoana: 021 466 7845

You can also fax the form back to: **021 466 7855**

ENERGIA members have the following privileges: they

- Participate in the selection of respective NFPs and the representatives on the National Steering Committee (if one is established for their particular national network).
- Receive accurate and timely information about the activities organised by ENERGIA at international, regional and national level.
- Receive all electronic publications, brochures and reports of the network's meetings and activities.

You will be contacted shortly to confirm your details and will receive updates on ENERGIA's activities. For more information, please visit: **www.energia.org**

ENERGIA GENSA Network Membership form

Name and Surname	
Title – Ms, Mr, Dr, Prof, other	
Organization	
What type of an organization do you work for or are affiliated to?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual working on gender and energy issues 2. Non-governmental organisation 3. Academia and / or research institution 4. Governmental institution / department 5. Private company 6. Other (specify): _____
Job title	
Job description	
Telephone and Fax contact details	
Postal Details	
Email address	
Have you ever been a member of ENERGIA before? When (Year)	
Are you involved in any gender related work in your organization? Please give a brief explanation.	
Would you be interested in attending ENERGIA organized workshops and training?	



**GENSA – Gender and Energy network of South Africa in affiliation with
ENERGIA –International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy and
HSRC – Human Sciences Research Council**

**Agenda
23 February 2010**

1. Welcome and introductions - All
2. Background of GENSA and ENERGIA - Nthabiseng Mohlakoana and Wendy Annecke
3. Is it important and relevant to have a Gender and Sustainable Energy Network in South Africa?
4. Challenges of mainstreaming gender in energy and climate change projects and programmes
5. Newsletter, website, tools and information – who will use these and how will they find out about them?
6. Potential projects and research topics
 - (i) Potential friends and funds
7. Summary and way forward

Workshop report:

1. Welcome and introductions:

The meeting was attended by participants from different organisations based in Cape Town and Gauteng. The type of organisations represented included the Commission of Gender Equality, people working on energy, environment and climate change issues.

2. Background of GENSA and ENERGIA - Nthabiseng Mohlakoana and Wendy Annecke:

Dr. Wendy Annecke gave an introduction of ENERGIA to the participants covering issues such as how the network started and its operations to date. She gave the international layout of the network to familiarise the participants with the activities that ENERGIA and its regional and national networks are doing.

Dr. Annecke went on to discuss the South African energy context. This included the male domination in electricity and oil energy sectors and how women have had to stand up and have a network of their own that can support them in this sector. Dr. Annecke also gave a few examples of organisations and networks that give similar support to women in male-dominated sectors and those that work on gender related issues.

Ms. Mohlakoana spoke about the regional networks and GENSA's history in South Africa as follows:

Regional Networks and GENSA history

- Southern Networks in Africa in the year 2000 and Asia in 2001
- The networks are informal and exist within organisations working on energy and development issues with agreed principles on gender, women's empowerment and sustainable energy

- They are headed by the Regional Network Coordinator (RNC) located within the Regional Secretariat – In the African Region we have Ms. Nozipho Wright based in Botswana within the Botswana technology Centre (BOTECH)
- The RNC coordinates programme activities and engages with National Focal Points managing the country networks
- In Africa there are 13 national gender and energy networks including GENSA and 9 networks in Asia
- The NFPs are a link between network members and their activities and the wider international ENERGIA network.
- TIE-ENERGIA – Turning Information into Empowerment: Strengthening Gender and Energy Networking in Africa – supported by the European Commission between 2005 – 2007.

Outputs:

1. Training modules
 2. Training of trainers
 3. Gender Audits – energy stats, energy policy, development strategies, communication channels and key institutions
 4. Resources
 5. Workplan
- In December 2008 all the African NFPs attended a workshop hosted by the RNC (BOTECH) in Botswana where each country presented their action plans and priorities for the next phase – these were aligned with the international secretariat's priorities in order to be able to access funding easily.
 - The main priority for GENSA at this meeting was to revive the networks' membership and ensure visibility of its work in the gender, energy and sustainable development sector.

GENSA Network in South Africa

- GENSA operates within the framework of the Southern African Gender and Energy Network (SAGEN) which regionally represents Southern Africa and covers six southern African countries namely: Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.
- GENSA's aim from the beginning was to achieve equity through empowering women and contribute to providing a better balance between policies and implementation.
- Most policy makers and implementers find it difficult to draw the link between gender issues and energy policy issues – gender is often seen as a concept that addresses women's issues only.
- The SA white paper on energy policy of 1998, amongst other things, speaks of providing electricity (grid, off-grid and non-grid) connections for all households
- However, it does not take into account the transition difficulties that most low-income households face – being provided with electricity does not automatically mean that these households stop using other fuels such as paraffin, candles and wood
- In a typical low-income household, in the urban and rural areas, women are the managers of households and automatically are in charge of ensuring that they have energy sources to meet their cooking, warming, ironing and lighting needs.
- Unless our energy, environment and other policies are pro-poor and recognise that men and women have different energy needs, such issues will not be addressed.
- GENSA, therefore wants to ensure that these issues are considered and taken seriously by government and other stakeholders so that we contribute to alleviation of energy poverty which hits women and children the most.
- The reality is that adequate energy resources have not been allocated to poor households and if policies and their implementation shifts from a pro-poor focus, the results will have negative effects.

Key priority areas for GENSA

- Need to identify people and groups working with gender and energy
 1. Since mid-November 2009, GENSA has been on a membership recruitment drive to revive the network in South Africa – mainly looking at organisations working within the

energy and environmental sector but would like to spread our wings as most issues are in line with gender and energy in South Africa, e.g. health, housing, etc

- Need to have information on these activities,
 - consolidate this by collecting 'news' from members and
 - disseminate activities to all GENSA members through newsletters
- Need to bring GENSA members together for a strategic planning meeting
- Need to build capacity to mainstream gender in energy policy, planning and projects - mainly for practitioners such as researchers and policy makers
- Need to build capacity on gender and energy concepts and tools of analysis, training, etc, South Africa training in March – 6 components
 2. Pre-training: e-learning module – assessing knowledge of participants
 3. Introduction to gender and energy concepts
 4. Energy safety in the home and the workplace
 5. Energy efficiency in the home and workplace
 6. Applying gender and energy concepts to our work and daily lives
 7. Post training – implementing the training

Partnerships

- PASASA – energy safety training
- Government – Department of energy, environmental affairs – climate change and contribution to the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD 15-17)
- Work with National African Farmers Union
- Grassroots organizations that bring about change to people's lives – training the trainer

Gender and Climate Change Network

Ms. Dorah Lebelo introduced and shared some information on the GCC Network of which she is the South African NFP. She mentioned that this network meets annually at the COP meetings. She shared with the group that the network, together with other organizations and networks attending the COP meetings, were successful in getting the UNFCCC to recognize the women and gender groups as constituencies at these meetings.

Importance of having a Gender and Sustainable Energy Network in South Africa

The group felt that it's important to have such a network as it would provide support in terms of networking amongst people with similar interests.

Ms. McDaid pointed out that it is important to ensure that such a network does not only focus on impoverished women and men but should also focus on issues of policy that affect everyone. An example of this may be energy modelling which is mainly done by men and not enough support is given to women working in this area of expertise.

It was also mentioned that we need to work and develop new areas and not do what has been done before since this is not the first time that GENSA is in existence in South Africa.

Challenges of mainstreaming gender in energy and climate change projects and programmes

The CGE felt that it is important to ensure that the network provides access to government and decision makers so that members and people affiliated to the network can liaise with policy makers. It should focus on socio-economic rights of individuals and communities so that they can stand up against decision makers that infringe on their rights to service delivery.

There is also a need to develop a vision of how energy services should be delivered to communities. Do communities benefit from new and alternative ways of energy provision (such as wind farms and bio-fuels) in the country or do these benefits end up in the hands of big multi-national companies? The

network (GENSA), with the help of its members and partners needs to play an advocacy role to ensure these benefits for people. There is also a great need for research assistance from institutions such as the HSRC that would benefit such a network with relevant information.

It was pointed out that there is a need to set up a resource link where partners and members can access relevant information for their use when working on gender issues. Some of the work cited and done in South Africa includes projects in solar water heaters provided for low-income urban areas and work on indoor air pollution.

The group also felt that such a network needs to have a dedicated advocacy officer, someone that can do this work and 'spread the word' on full time basis.

The workshop participants were taken through the ENERGIA website where they were shown how and where to access important information regarding the network and resources such as tool kits that may be relevant to them.

Newsletter and articles

The participants were asked to contribute some articles for the GENSA newsletter which would be launched within a month of this workshop. There was a lot of enthusiasm and ideas were given on how these could be collected. Some of the suggestions include:

- Community stories through interviews and photographs
- Analysing government and similar documents such as policies, budget votes, etc to make them easier to understand but most importantly to look at them through the gender lens.
- Building networks with other organisations and share information with them which may encourage them to do the same with GENSA

It was decided that the newsletter can reach a wide variety of people and stakeholders and should be distributed widely through schools, NGOs, CBOs, parliament, government departments. It was also suggested that we need to make use of community radio stations and newspapers.

Project ideas

The main idea that the group had and which seemed more feasible was that of analyzing government and relevant documents (i.e. Integrated Resource Plan, Renewable Energy Policy, documents on the environment, climate change policy, planning commission policy, etc) about to be passed by parliament. This would help contribute to policy making and ensure that these documents are gender sensitive. The group will start with having a day long session on one of the documents and involve relevant partners. This will be a space for ordinary women (and men) to contribute to policy in a meaningful and recognized way.

Possible funding

The CGE mentioned that the Gender Fund may have some money for start-up activities. GENSA may be eligible to apply for this.

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