

Moving beyond strategies: The gender factor in the dynamics of energy entrepreneurship

Date: 8th February 2024 **Time**: 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m

Venue: Social Room, TERI, India Habitat Centre

The energy sector is filled with narratives that call for supporting women entrepreneurs in launching and expanding their businesses across various sectors which is imperative for societies and economies to thrive. Still, stereotypes and lack of support impact their growth and influence, leading to blockages and needless challenges. This becomes more crucial in the rural context. Hence, it is crucial to let go of perceived gender barriers to understand how women's entrepreneurial roles may positively influence business longevity leading to fresh perspectives and stronger synergy of ideas and action.

The main objective of the thematic track is to facilitate a multi-stakeholder dialogue that brings together government, private sector, academia, civil society organisations, and leaders in their respective domains, from across the energy spectrum. The workshop aims to hold in-depth deliberations amongst groups of experts and the audience to share experiences as major players in the sector allowing further discussions and confrontations among all participants.

The broad outlay of the event comprises three expert group discussions, focussing on the following themes:

- **Group 1**: Inspiring the next generation of women entrepreneurs
- **Group 2**: Gender transformative pathway to energy transition
- **Group 3**: Advancing clean energy technologies for inclusive growth and gender entrepreneurship

About the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS)

The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the annual flagship Track II initiative organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Instituted in 2001, the Summit series has a legacy of over two decades for making 'sustainable development' a globally shared goal. The only independently convened international Summit on sustainable development and environment, based in the Global South, WSDS strives to provide long-term solutions for the benefit of global communities by assembling the world's most enlightened leaders and thinkers on a single platform. The 23rd edition of the annual flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)—the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS)—will be held from 7-9 February 2024 in New Delhi. The Summit deliberations will focus on the umbrella theme: Leadership for Sustainable Development and Climate Justice.