

The Department of Sociology and Social Work is pleased to announce that Dr. Mumbi Machera has been incorporated into Technical Advisory Group of the ENERGIA Gender and Energy Research Programme. She attended the inaugural meeting for the Technical. Advisory Group held between 14-15 July 2014 at the ETC Foundation, Leusden, The Netherlands.

About the programme

The International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy, ENERGIA, and the UK Department for International Development, DFID, signed an agreement to advance knowledge and awareness regarding the impact of energy access—or the lack thereof—on women and girls. DFID has committed £4.5 million over the period 2014 – 2019 to ENERGIA in a contract that encompasses research, evidence gathering and dissemination, and raising public awareness on the importance of energy access for women and girls, in line with their commitments to the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative (SEALL).

Dr. Machera has been incorporated by ENERGIA to join the 8 member Technical Advisory Team, steering committee function during the five-year period; to inform the research agenda, provide high level technical advice, guidance and oversight to ensure the research programme meets its objectives and deliver on its expected outcomes. The research programme, aims at collecting and analysing empirical evidence on the impact of the lack of energy access on women and girls and then to translate this evidence into energy policy and project recommendations.

The research will focus on five areas: electrification through grid and decentralised systems; productive uses of energy; the political economy of energy sector dynamics; energy sector reform; and the role of the private sector in scaling up energy access. ENERGIA and DFID expect the results of this study to contribute to more effective policy and project interventions related to energy access, as well as to women's empowerment and gender equity.

We wish Dr. Machera all the best in this process.