

wPOWER Hub Director, Wanjira Mathai meets President Barack Obama

wPOWER Hub director Wanjira Mathai met with U.S. President Barack Obama during a State Banquet held at State House Nairobi on 25th July 2015. Obama was in Kenya to attend the 2015 Global Entrepreneurship Summit and to meet with leaders from government, business, and civil societies. Speaking during the opening of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES), a US sponsored business summit in Kenya, President Obama spoke at length of the need for women to be more involved with entrepreneurship. "Treating women as a second-class citizen is a bad tradition. It's holding you back," he added. "African countries have the opportunity to go green by leveraging on clean energy as opposed to traditional sources of energy, the U.S. President said. The US State Department created the wPOWER Hub at the Wangari Maathai Institute, founded by the late Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai, at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. The wPOWER Hub is building evidence base on women, energy access and climate solutions.