

REGIONAL SHAREFAIR

Gender Equality in the Extractive Industries: Building on Good Practices

13-15 October 2015
Nairobi, Kenya

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BACKGROUND

Extraction of oil, gas and minerals in Africa is driving immense economic and social development and could drastically reduce poverty levels on the continent. Women in the Extractive Industries (EI) play a major role in contributing to the economy and to company performance, yet they are not equitably benefiting from the EI sector due to barriers such as exclusion from the extractive value chain and limited capacity to

capture productive opportunities within the EI. These issues exacerbate gender gaps that inhibit women's access to resources and resource-related opportunities. However, effective partnerships between the private sector and governments to foster gender-responsive approaches can address these issues and bring women to the centre of the EI sector.

share gender issues that must be addressed when managing natural resource development.

The event comes at an opportune time as several African countries are developing their extractive policies creating an opportunity to learn from different African countries and to interact with women working directly in the EI. In addition, the African Union has declared 2015 the Year of Women's Economic Empowerment, providing a strong initiative for integrating gender equality into a traditionally male-dominated sector to bring greater benefits for all.

UN Women in collaboration with its key partners will host a Regional Sharefair on gender equality in the Extractive Industries to bring together governments, civil society and the private sector to discuss and

During the Sharefair, booths will be allocated to partners to exhibit their work and best practices. Those interested are invited to send in their proposals by email to valery.awuor@unwomen.org by 30th September 2015 to receive exhibition guidelines.



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PURPOSE

Knowledge exchange and dialogue on gender issues at all levels of the EI

Identify challenges and opportunities for women in the EI

Platform for all stakeholder groups to interact with women in the EI

Promotion of innovations, best practices and policies that support women in the EI





Key Themes

- 1) Unpack the issues and opportunities for women IN and IMPACTED by the EI
- 2) EI policy: inclusive policy frameworks to achieve micro and macro benefits for all
- 3) Exchange of knowledge on gender issues in the EI
- 4) Network platform for the business community to explore partnership opportunities with women in the extractive business



Objectives

- Multi-stakeholder dialogue with government, civil society, and private sector to raise awareness on how to benefit from gender equality in the EI
- Expanding the evidence base towards a gender-inclusive extractive sector
- Solution oriented south-south collaboration: sharing best practices for creating a gender-inclusive EI
- Network, mentor and create business/knowledge exchange opportunities for women in the EI
- Development of a forward-looking communique for gender equality in the EI in Africa



Outline of Events

October 13	October 14	October 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Presentations by women in and affected by the EI -Practical and interactive skill-building and mentorship sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assessing EI policies surrounding gender equity -Panel discussions, case studies and presentations on high-level policy issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Breakout sessions on gender issues in the EI (eg. best practices, research and personal experiences) -Formulation of a communique to pave future initiatives

CONVENING PARTNERS

UN Women
African Union

FUNDING PARTNERS

Australian High Commission
UNECA/AMDC
UN Development Programme
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International Alert
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Gulf African Bank
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COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Action Aid Kenya	Equity Bank	International Organization for Migration	Strathmore Extractives Industry Centre
African Women in Mining Association	GDC/GIZ Health Sector Program	Kenya Chamber of Mines	Tullow Oil
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