



Gender, social inclusion and energy writeshop
Mexico City, Mexico, October 24-25, 2017
Call for Papers

Sustainable energy in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) has a gender and social inclusion dimension. These countries seek to stimulate power generation from various sources such as wind, solar, biomass, biogas and small-scale hydro sources in order to achieve its renewable energy target by 2025. It is predicted that LAC will be the first region to attain universal energy access.

Energy is the product of the transformation of natural resources into a set of technologies used for numerous purposes: lighting, heating, cooling, cooking, transporting. Energy has a strategic role in contemporary societies; its availability allows for the satisfaction of basic human needs. As such, energy constitutes an important development indicator. However, the processes of generation, distribution and use of energy can be highly polluting. For example, in Mexico the energy sector accounted for 63% of total greenhouse gas emissions in 2010. Therefore, it is crucial to assess current supply mechanisms and to identify minimum risk renewable energies capable of meeting social needs while also reducing environmental impacts and human conflicts.

The production, distribution and use of energy vary not only among countries, but also within countries themselves. Communities located near a hydroelectric dam may have poor electricity services or no access to them at all. Likewise, social differences such as gender, ethnicity and age shape energy use patterns within communities and households. Women usually take care of the reproductive activities (cooking, washing, ironing, bathing of infants and the elderly) involving energy consumption (electricity, firewood, gas). Many also conduct productive activities from their homes. Energy scarcity and high energy costs can lead to the wear and tear of women. Identifying gender, ethnicity and age differences in energy use is essential for both human development and gender equity in the private, public and transportation spheres.

LAC literature on gender and energy taking an intersectional and interdisciplinary approach remains scarce. We call for papers with various related themes meeting the following criteria:

- 1) Papers must be unpublished;
- 2) Must be written in Spanish or English;
- 3) Must be based on research in Latin American or Caribbean;
- 4) Must be between 20 and 30 pages long (1.5 spaces, Arial 12 font);
- 5) Must use the APA reference system.

Broad thematic areas

- Gender and energy use in private and public spaces;
- Transportation and mobility with a gender approach;
- Socio-environmental conflicts, gender and energy;
- Energy poverty and its impact on gender relations;
- Mitigation of greenhouse gases emissions with a gender perspective;
- Innovation and appropriation of renewable technologies with a gender perspective;

- Gender, water, energy and health;
- Climate variability, biomass/ biofuel and gender;
- Displacements, conflicts due to energy projects in their gender dimension.

Writeshop dynamics

All submissions will be reviewed by a committee of specialists. Papers will be selected based on their theoretical and methodological strength, ground data quality, writing clarity, maps, clear tables/ charts, bibliographic thoroughness and argumentative coherence. The structure of the paper should be as follows: title, abstract, keywords, introduction, historical and geographical background, conceptual framework, methodology, findings, discussion, conclusion and list of references.

Authors of selected papers will be invited to participate in this Gender, Social Inclusion and Energy writeshop that will take place on October 24 and 25, 2017 in Mexico City. The basic expenses related to food, transportation, lodging during the writeshop will be covered. It is expected that the participant's institution will cover the full cost of transportation to Mexico City.

The main objective of this writeshop is to improve the quality of the selected papers under the guidance of high impact publication specialists. Participants must prepare and send a new version of their papers after the writeshop, as noted in the following schedule:

Activity	Deadline
Paper submission	September 1st
Paper selection	September 15th
Writeshop	October 24th – 25th
Submission of new version	December 1st
Submission to journal	End of 2017

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