

**MINISTERIAL DECISION**

**LII/D/561**

**GENDER AND ENERGY**

**PANAMA CITY, PANAMA  
15/12/2022**

**THE LII MEETING OF MINISTERS**

**WHEREAS:**

**THAT** according to the provisions of paragraph a) of Article 3 of the Lima Agreement, one of the objectives and functions of the Organization is to promote solidarity of actions among the Member Countries for the utilization of national and regional natural resources.

**THAT** pursuant to the provisions of paragraph g) of Article 3 of the Lima Agreement, one of the objectives and functions of the Organization is to stimulate the execution of energy projects of common interest among the Members.

**THAT** pursuant to the provisions of paragraph m) of Article 3 of the Lima Agreement, one of the objectives and functions of the Organization is to promote the formation and development of common energy policies as a factor of regional integration.

**THAT** Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 5), aimed at achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, considers gender equality not only as a fundamental human right, but also as one of the essential foundations for building a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.

**THAT** since 2012, within the framework of the technical and financial cooperation provided by the Government of Canada for the implementation of the Program "Access to Sustainable Energy in the Latin American and Caribbean Region", the Permanent Secretariat of OLADE assumed the responsibility of promoting gender equality through the incorporation of a gender equity perspective in policies, programs, plans and projects related to the energy sector, taking into account particular conditions of women such as race, ethnicity, special capabilities or other social factors, through training and technical assistance to Member Countries.



**THAT** despite the efforts made and the achievements obtained, in the energy sector in Latin America and the Caribbean there are still discriminatory behaviors and inequality gaps that affect the effective implementation of an equitable and equal development model in terms of gender in the activities and areas related to the energy sector.

In exercise of its powers:

**DECIDES:**

**ARTICLE ONE:** Instruct the Permanent Secretariat of OLADE to:

- a) Promote actions aimed at guaranteeing the incorporation of a gender perspective in all activities and operations related to the energy sector in Latin America and the Caribbean to promote gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.
- b) Implement actions focused on supporting the OLADE Member States in the creation and strengthening of capacities for the incorporation of a transforming gender approach in all activities and areas related to the energy sector.
- c) Provide technical assistance to OLADE Member States in the actions required to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls through the incorporation of a transforming gender equity perspective in the design and implementation of policies, programs, plans and projects related to the energy sector; in order to guarantee the strengthening of female leadership, and the participation of women in equal opportunities with an intersectional approach which considers their particular conditions such as race, ethnicity, special capabilities or other social factors, as well as the consideration of the needs, roles, responsibilities and interests of women in the energy sector.
- d) Promote the development of studies and projects focused on identifying and addressing gender inequality barriers and gaps that affect the mainstreaming of a gender equity approach in the energy sector.
- e) Facilitate spaces and mechanisms aimed at sharing good practices, successful experiences and lessons learned among OLADE Member Countries in the area of gender equality in the energy sector.
- f) Establish a gender commission in OLADE, with representation of the Member States, with the objective of promoting and encouraging the development of gender and energy strategies and policies at the regional level, with their respective action plans, incorporating specific actions and special measures aimed at eliminating gender inequality gaps, according to each case and the degree of progress of each country in this area.





**ARTICLE TWO:** Urge the National Coordination Offices of OLADE Member Countries to share best practices and provide OLADE with the corresponding support in the process of implementing the mandate contained in this Ministerial Decision.


**ARTICLE THREE:** Urge the Permanent Secretariat of OLADE to establish synergies with other subregional, regional and international bodies related to the design of strategies for the incorporation of gender approaches in the energy sector.



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