

Infrastructure that Works for Women: Gender Dimensions of Energy and Industry

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Ms. Monica Maduekwe works with the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE). Her responsibilities include coordinating the ECOWAS Programme on Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access (ECOW-GEN), which she started. Through the programme she initiated and supervised the development of the ECOWAS Policy for Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access and the ECOWAS Directive on Gender Assessment in Energy Projects.