

## Event Survey Outcome

90%

agreed that the training had thrown more light on decentralized renewable energy technologies, products and services.

85%

agreed that the training adequately supported with evidence the need to integrate women into the energy access and electrification planning eco-system in Nigeria

70%

believed that women pioneering decentralized renewable energy solutions were a way to end energy poverty faster.

Participants found the presentations on women's entrepreneurial abilities, renewable energy, skills development and the brainstorming sessions most useful from the program.

### Next Steps:

- That women interested in becoming small-scale distributors should sign up with AStevens – to open up discussions on how to become distributors for pico-solar products in their communities.
- That women interested in more corporate and business roles should indicate on the sign up sheet for the meeting, for future training opportunities that will hold in Abia.
- That there should be a follow-on training with in-depth business skills on how low skills women can start their own business including skills involving money and profit management
- That there should be more contextual training on removing and over-coming cultural barriers for women distributors in the market; as well as confidence building training to help women over-come the fear and shame and guilt of getting outside their comfort zone and participate in what can be regarded as a male territory.
- That invites should be sent to women who attended this training

- That handouts and training materials should be more readily available for future trainings – so that participants can refer back to them.
- Liaise with the state government's women department to support the initiative in Abia state



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## Objectives

The Gender and Energy Access Nexus - Empowering young women and girls towards understanding clean renewable energy towards expanding frontiers for access and new economic opportunities.

## Context:

Due to the ever-expanding energy access programs of Federal and State governments into rural areas, we are looking into expanding the role of women in the energy access projects and portfolios across the country.

Through trainings and demonstration projects we are building a gender based human capital network to take full advantage of benefits and opportunities to grow and nurture new talents as well as female run businesses in the emerging renewable energy access sector.

## Details



The training was organized by **Clean Technology Hub** in partnership with Henrich Böll Foundation



**20-40years**

The event had women between the age range of 20-40 years from different professions in attendance.



Team members from CTH anchored the four breakout sessions of the event.

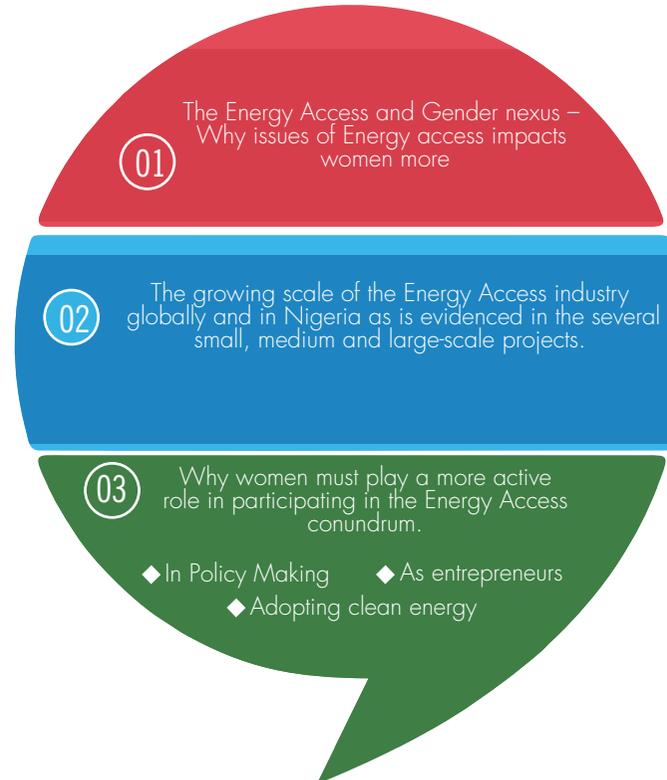
There was a half-day plenary and another half day break-out session co-anchored by women led technology business, Astevens Group; and remarks from representatives of the state Government.



## Highlights of Training

### Presentation by Clean Technology Hub Team

Clean Tech Hub presented on the Decentralized Energy 101 and the Gender Nexus focused on three critical points:



### Presentations by Clean Energy Providers

- ◆ ASTEVENS
- ◆ Solar Sisters
- ◆ Abia State government

The Abia State dignitaries at the event spoke about the need to build more economic agency for women and stated that electricity will be catalyst to make this happen.

## Key Points



Creating and Supporting a start up culture for Women



Addressing barriers to access to capital for women



Breaking cultural barriers around in women in business by building trust within these communities



Building formal and informal networks and opportunities

Towards the end of the workshop, a survey was conducted as part of the impact assessment of the workshop and delivered the following results:

- 90% of the 37 survey respondents agreed that the training had thrown more light on decentralized renewable energy technologies, products and services.
- 85% of them strongly agreed that the training adequately supported with evidence the need to integrate women into the energy access and electrification planning eco-system in Nigeria.
- On the issue of energy poverty, 70% of the respondents strongly believed that women pioneering decentralized renewable energy solutions were a way to end energy poverty faster.
- The surveyed participants found the presentation useful as it showcased how negatively women are impacted by energy poverty, how they could become entrants into the sector not only through financial means but active partnerships and engagement with their communities.
- The women were also eager to utilize the knowledge they had received from the training and engage in activities that would increase renewable energy access such as volunteering in renewable energy programs for schools in Abia.