

## **Annex F: Photos, speeches and press outputs**

### **1) SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER - MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, HON. GUSTON SICHILIMA, M.P., AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ZGEN TRAINING WORKSHOP: MIKA LODGE; 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

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CHAIRPERSON  
DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, MAY I BEGIN BY THANKING THE ZAMBIA GENDER AND ENERGY NETWORK, FOR THIS TRAINING THAT AIMS TO EQUIP US ALL WITH THE REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE TO HANDLE ENERGY MATTERS WITH A GENDER PERSPECTIVE. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO THANK YOU ALL FOR FINDING TIME IN YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO COME AND ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.

AS YOU MAY ALL BE AWARE, ENERGY IS AN IMPORTANCE INGREDIENT IN ANY COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. EVERY SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL SECTORS REQUIRE ENERGY IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER TO FUNCTION.

WHILE THE ROLE OF ENERGY IN THE ECONOMY IS CLEAR, THERE IS ALSO THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GENDER AND ENERGY. IN RURAL AREAS FOR EXAMPLE, WOMEN SPEND MANY PRODUCTIVE HOURS LOOKING FOR FIREWOOD FOR USE IN THE HOUSEHOLD. THE PRODUCTION OF CHARCOAL, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A MALE DOMINATED ACTIVITY. MANY OTHER EXAMPLES CAN BE CITED WITH OTHER ENERGY SOURCES.

THE UNDERSTAND OF ENERGY AND GENDER ISSUES WILL ASSIST SOCIETY ESPECIALLY GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS PUT IN PLACE STRATEGIES THAT WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE OF THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF ENERGY.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT MY MINISTRY FACILITATED THE FORMATION OF THE ZAMBIA GENDER AND ENERGY NETWORK (ZGEN) IN OCTOBER, 2004. AS YOU ARE AWARE, MY MINISTRY CURRENTLY HOSTS THE NETWORK SECRETARIAT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

I ALSO WISH TO STATE THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS PRIORITISED ISSUES RELATED TO GENDER. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS CREATED A MINISTRY SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TO GENDER ISSUES.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, MY MINISTRY WELCOMES THE ZAMBIA GENDER AND ENERGY NETWORK INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE THIS TRAINING WORKSHOP. I AM INFORMED THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THIS WORKSHOP HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH **ENERGIA**, AN ORGANIZATION BASED ON WOMEN AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY, FOUNDED IN 1995 BY A GROUP OF WOMEN INVOLVED IN GENDER AND ENERGY WORK IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MY MINISTRY IS THEREFORE THANKFUL TO ENERGIA FOR THIS SUPPORT.

I ALSO TAKE COGNISANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF **UTLINK**, A MEMBER OF THE ZAMBIA GENDER AND ENERGY NETWORK TO MAKING THIS WORKSHOP A SUCCESS. I AM INFORMED THAT UTLINK IS HOSTING THIS WORKSHOP ON BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIA GENDER AND ENERGY NETWORK.

CHAIRPERSON, DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS

I URGE YOU TO WORK HARD SO THAT THIS TRAINING WORKSHOP CAN BE A SUCCESS. I AM POSITIVE THAT YOUR DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS WILL BRING TO THIS WORKSHOP, EXPERIENCES THAT WOULD WORK TO ENRICH THE PROCESS AND HELP MEET ITS OBJECTIVES.

WITH THESE FEW REMARKS, IT IS NOW MY HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS WORKSHOP AND IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY DOING THE WORK YOU HAVE COME HERE FOR.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

2) PRESS PUBLICATIONS



DEPUTY Minister of Energy and Water Development, Gasim Sichilima (right) being congratulated by the Zambia Gender and Energy Network director, Charles Haanyika, when he officiated at a training workshop organized by the network at Miko Lodge in Lusaka last week. - Picture by MACKSON WAXAMUNI.

Zambia Daily Mail, Thursday January 4, 2007



Zambia Daily Mail, Saturday January 13, 2007

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ENERGIA fights poverty through sensitising women on issues of energy.

# ENERGIA aids rural women

By KELVIN CHONGO  
THE Netherlands-based International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy (ENERGIA) has initiated a sensitisation project for urban and rural poor women in Zambia with a specific focus on energy issues.

ENERGIA, which has since established a focal point in Zambia, the Zambia Gender and Energy Network (ZGEN) comprising of various organisations dealing with gender, has embarked on various projects to fight poverty.

ZGEN, which operates from the ministry of Energy and Water Development, held a workshop recently on mainstreaming gender in energy policy.

According to Ulink, one of the member organisations that coordinated the workshop, the immediate purpose of the ZGEN project was to contribute to strengthening the capacity to integrate gender and energy into policies and programmes of government and institutions engaged in sustainable development.

Ulink executive director, Charles Hanyika, says these strategies were designed to enhance ENERGIA's vision.

Mr Hanyika said ZGEN was

established as a focal point in Zambia to mainstream gender and energy in energy and sustainable development policies, programmes, and research at national level.

Mr Hanyika said ZGEN also aims at promoting institutional development to build a strong network of organisations and individuals committed to and working in gender and energy in sustainable development.

ZGEN was structured around national focal points that coordinate the national gender and energy networks.

He said Energia recognises the need to build a critical mass of people in the developing world who are knowledgeable about the link between Gender and Energy and has set out to build capacity through training programmes in various countries.

According to the action

plan submitted by ZGEN, it was discovered that lack of information on different energy needs of men and women has led to a gender blind energy policy in Zambia.

ZGEN is expected to recommend how gender issues should be addressed in the revised energy policy.

ZGEN would also determine how gender should be incorporated in all energy programmes at planning, decision making and implementation.

And the recently approved World Bank Gender Action Plan targets women's empowerment in economic sectors, and emphasises the role of infrastructure and energy services.

The action plan says gender issues were an integral part of the bank's agenda on access to modern energy services and are

pursuant to the agenda of the Sustainable Development Network (SDN).

The SDN aims to train some people on gender issues during this fiscal year.

The action plan says gender equality was key in the delivery of energy services in developing countries because providing women and men with access to productive resources has significant implications for growth and reducing poverty.

It says lack of access to modern energy affects women and men differently and that taking men's and women's different constraints and needs into consideration when designing energy policies and projects can significantly enhance economic development.

## 'Expand street kids rehab programme'

By ZANGOSE MWALE  
CHRISTIAN Children's Fund (CCF) says government should double the number of street children being taken to Zambia National Service (ZNS) Camps.

CCF national director,

rehabilitated are too few," Mr Koyi said.

He said there was need for government, with the help of stakeholders, to deal with the root cause of children resorting to making a living on the streets.

Mr Koyi said it was

He also said so far CCF had sponsored over 4,000 children to access education and about 750,000 families with training skills in Zambia.

He said although 30 percent of Zambian children who were eligible to be in schools did not have access