

**Side event Wednesday, December 5, 11:30—13:00,  
Room 7, Hall 5**

**Climate-proofing Affordable Energy Services: local experiences that support sustainable development**

- ✦ **Low-carbon energy services to improve energy access and reduce poverty.**
- ✦ **Tools to facilitate design and monitoring of demand-driven energy policies.**
- ✦ **NGO proposals on how UNFCCC mechanisms can support local successes.**
- ✦ **Examples from India, Mali, Niger, Togo, Senegal, and India.**

**Speakers:**

**Zareen Myles, Womens' Action for Development (WAFD)** Promotion of Green Technologies to Empower Rural Women. Examples of simple and affordable green technologies, such as solar dryers, biogas gas plants, composting baskets, in WAFD's eco-village development project in four villages in Tehri Garhwal district, a Sub-Himalayan region of India. These solutions are empowering local women in these village located at a height of 1,500-2000 meter.

**Pierre Dembele, MFC, Mali** Renewable Energy for providing energy access in rural Mali. Bridging the gap between providers and end-users of energy services for poverty reduction. Learning from successful experiences in Mali.

**Usha Sahana, All India Women's Conference (AIWC):** Climate Change Impact Mitigation with local Sustainable Energy Solutions – Activities of AIWC and others that mitigate climate change and reduce poverty, leading up to advocacy for pro-poor policies linked to climate change.

**Djiminque Nanaste, ENDA/INFORSE West Africa** NGO proposals on how UNFCCC mechanisms can support local successes with increased energy access.

**Laura E. Williamson, HELIO International**

Defining what is meant by “resilient” energy policies and outlining how addressing energy issues through a climate lens contributes to poverty reduction.

**Yaovi (Joseph) Kogbe, HELIO International / FOE Togo**

Opportunities and challenges facing Togo in developing a soft energy path approach to ensure energy resilience and adaptability

**Ibrahim Sani, Energy Ministry, Niger**

The institutional structures and mechanisms being developed and implemented in Niger to guarantee access to energy services under changing climatic conditions.

**Discussion**

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