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**Networking in Gender and Energy:**

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Gender and Energy**

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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

# **ENERGIA: International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy**

- **Established in 1995 by women in the Netherlands and Germany**
- **Reaches out to more than 1800 members in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania**
- **Receives core funding from DGIS and SIDA**
- **Administered as a project within the ETC Foundation, the Netherlands**
- **Operates through regional and national focal points**

# ENERGIA: International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy

- Aims to institutionalise gender and energy in mainstream energy organisations and those concerned with social development and poverty issues.
- **Mission:**  
To *engender* energy and to *empower* women, through the promotion of information exchange, training, research, advocacy and action aimed at strengthening the role of women in sustainable energy development.

# **ENERGIA Phase One**

## **1996 - 1999**

- **Initial financing from DGIS**
- **Main Objective : increased credibility and activities on women and energy in mainstream energy organisations**
- **Main activity: ENERGIA News, a quarterly newsletter as a critical forum for information exchange**

# ENERGIA Phase 2

1999 - 2002

- **Building on the awareness raised in the first phase, Phase 2 began to provide services to meet the increasing demands for assistance in integrating gender in energy programmes, policies and projects.**
- **Core funding from DGIS and SIDA**
- **Five priority needs identified and translated into ENERGIA's Activities: capacity building, advocacy, research, information exchange and regionalization**

# Outcomes of Mid-term Evaluation

- **More focused but expanded programme (4 years)**
- **Advocacy on gender and energy still important**
- **Need to develop network members' capability**
- **Area of research need to be re-defined**
- **Institutional set-up need elaboration, more southern influence in decision making**

# **ENERGIA Phase 3**

## **2003 - 2006**

- **Proposal for Phase 3 developed based on the recommendations from the mid-term evaluation of Phase 2 and the outcomes of the ENERGIA Phase 3 Planning Workshop held in February 2002**
- **Core funding from SIDA and DGIS**
- **Focus on decentralization**
- **Three strategy areas:**
  - ✓ **Advocacy and advise**
  - ✓ **Analysis**
  - ✓ **Capacity Building**

# **ENERGIA Phase 3**

## **Network Building and Regionalization**

- **National and (sub) regional networks, formed with ENERGIA support**
- **ENERGIA Focal Points formally selected through stakeholder meetings in 9 organizations in Africa and 7 in South and Southeast Asia**
- **Encourage & support long-term partnerships among South & North organizations: UNDP, IRADE and ENDA**
- **Regional Network Coordinator to support and coordinate network building from within the region**



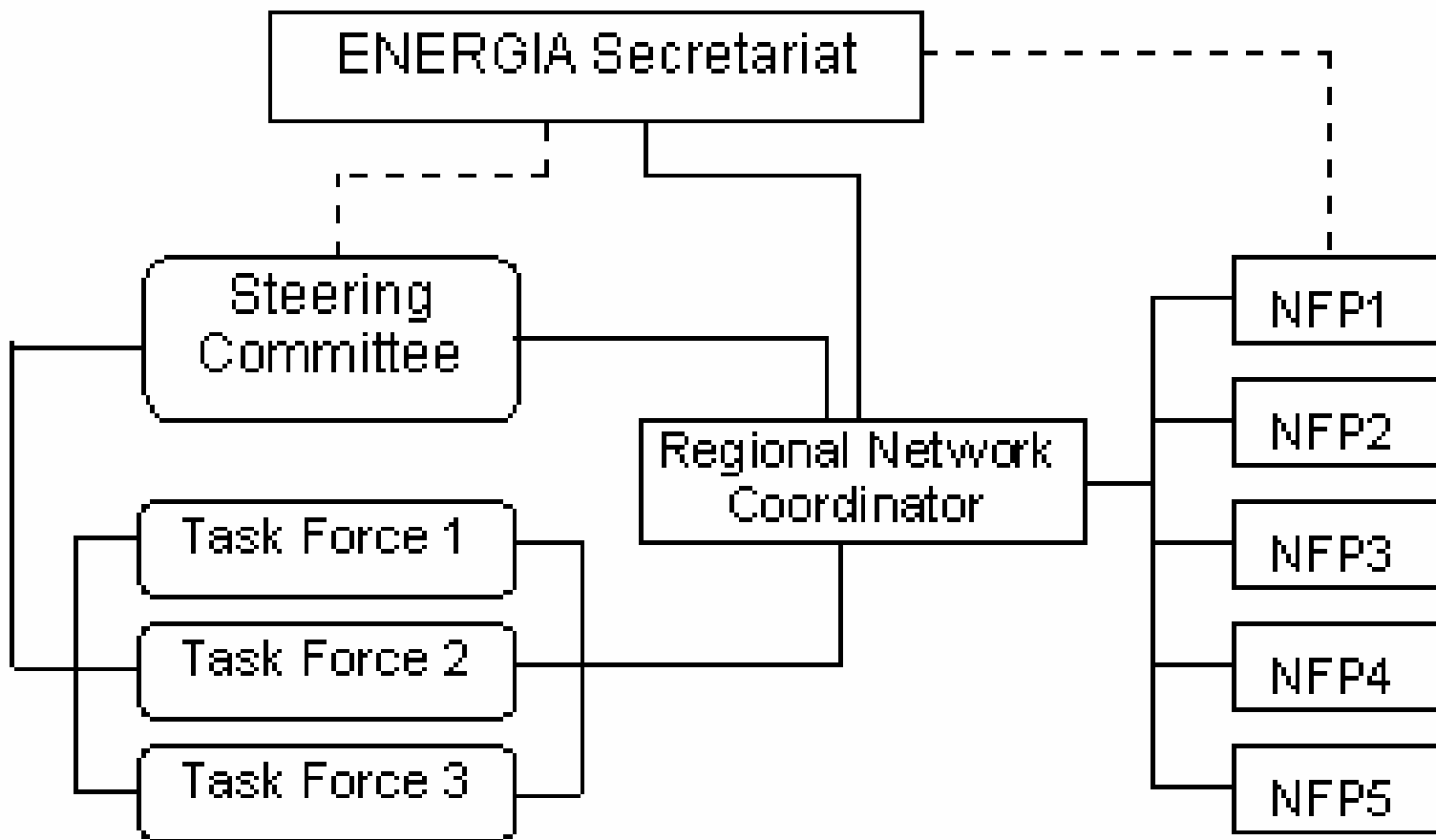
# Asia Activities in Phase 3

- **First meeting of National Focal Points held in December 2003: 25 organizations, representation of regional institutions: UNIFEM, UNESCAP, AIT**
- **Agreement on structure, priorities, and areas of work**
- **Identification of capacity building needs of network members**

# Asia National Focal Points

<b>Nepal</b>	<b>Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal</b>
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>Approtech Asia</b>
<b>India- North</b>	<b>All India Women's Conference</b>
<b>India-South</b>	<b>Environment protection Training and Research Institute</b>
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>Vietnam Women's Union</b>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>University of Peradeniya</b>
<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>Prokaushali Sangsad ltd</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>Aga Khan Rural Support Programme</b>

# Organizational Structure



# Phase 3 Strategy: Advocacy

- **Participation in workshops and expert groups to influence policy**
- **Building institutional linkages with other institutions and networks**
- **Raise gender profile at international conferences (participation, papers, workshops) such as Renewables 04 & WREC**
- **Advisory services on gender and energy programs – ESMAP, UNDP, DFID, etc**
- **Phase 2 Advocacy activities continued with increased support to regional advocacy**

# Phase 3 Strategy: Analysis

- **Deepen the understating of energy, gender and poverty linkages through analysis of existing literature and case study research, and use these finding to improve project, programme and policy design**
- **Developing tools, guidelines, indicators on gender and energy**
- **DFID project with principle investigator Elizabeth Cecelski and 7 partners institutions**

# Phase 3 Strategy: Capacity Building

## Capacity building for network members and Focal Points

- Plan and execute projects that recognize explicitly the energy needs of men and women distinctly and address them
- Project and proposal development
- Gender tools and methodologies
- Gender sensitive technology evaluation
- Advocacy and fund raising skills
- Information sharing through newsletters, meetings etc.

# Phase 3 Strategy: Capacity Building

## Capacity building for policy makers and implementers of energy programmes

- **Advocating involvement of women's organizations and gender advocates in policy dialogues**
- **Supporting measures to build gender-disaggregated databases to feed into national planning**
- **Developing skills in employing gender analytical tools**
- **Dissemination and exchange of information on successful instances of integrating gender and energy**

## Phase 3 Activities: Information Exchange

- **ENERGIA News, a quarterly newsletter as a critical forum for information exchange.**
- **ENERGIANet, e-newsletter <[www.energia.org](http://www.energia.org)>**
- **Resource Center focusing on synthesis and dissemination of knowledge**
- **List-serve for information sharing: events, new developments, request for proposals..**



## Asia Activities in Phase 3

- **Core support for national level networking activities**
- **Support to gender and energy training workshops**
- **Support to participation in regional advocacy workshops/conferences**
- **Support to development of knowledge resources**
- **Participation of members in DFID Research Project**
- **Support for project development**

## Asia Activities in Phase 3

- **Support to NFPs for documentation and dissemination**
- **Sub-regional collaborations (joint projects)**
- **Support in project and proposal development**
- **Collaboration with other networks**

*"evolve into a brokering organisation, focused on providing valuable information and services that enable and stimulate activity in the area of gender and energy."*



# ENERGIA-INFORSE Collaboration

- **Overlapping thematic areas**
- **Common partners**
- **Contribution to planning**
- **Sharing resources: capacity building programmes**
- **ENERGIA news and EnergiaNet**

# ENERGIA-INFORSE Collaboration

- **Sharing resources: capacity building programmes, training modules, resource persons**
- **Sub-regional collaborations**
- **Sharing information: events\ RFPs...**
- **Joint representation in advocacy events/ meetings: combined 'voice'**