

# #TogetherWeAreStronger



## *The Summit Program*

### The 1st World Women Empowering The CleanTech Decade Summit #TogetherWeAreStronger

powered by CleanTech Business Club's Empowering Women Hub

4 October 2023, Live at Crystal Banquet Hall & Online

On the occasion of  
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## Empowering Together The CleanTech Decade!



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## Introduction to The 1st World Women Empowering The CleanTech Decade Summit #TogetherWeAreStronger

**The inaugural World Women Empowering The CleanTech Decade Summit celebrates the immense opportunities for women in the CleanTech industry, where they play a pivotal role in driving transformation through disruptive technologies and creativity.**

The Summit is powered by the CleanTech Business Club's Empowering Women Hub, where equality is fundamental, both empowering women and men as change-makers, leveraging diverse perspectives and talents to shape a sustainable future.

It was preceded by two Women Empowering The CleanTech Decade Forums India held in 2019 and 2022 at REI Expo as well as two worldwide events held in 2020, CBC Empowering Women Hub Workshop in Abu Dhabi and Empowering Women in CleanTech Session on the occasion of the 1st World CleanTech eConvention #TogetherWeAreStronger.

The Summit counts two strong supporting partners: the "Women Energize Women" communication initiative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), which is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE) as well as the Indo-German Energy Forum of BMWK's global project Bilateral Climate and Energy Partnerships.

During the summit, we will hear inspiring stories from women in executive positions who have shattered barriers, encouraging others to lead in CleanTech. Additionally, we'll learn from men driving companies forward by promoting gender equality within their organizations, highlighting the transformative power of inclusivity and collaboration.

To achieve exponential growth during the CleanTech decade, it is crucial to address skills capacity building, which represents a significant opportunity for women entrepreneurs and those eager to take up executive positions, work in R&D and technology, as well as in marketing and communication.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of women in CleanTech, we must also recognize that collaboration on an international level is essential to drive this industry forward. Embracing global perspectives, sharing knowledge, and fostering partnerships is the key to unlocking the full potential of CleanTech solutions worldwide.

The CleanTech decade thrives when powered by respect for gender equality and a united, collaborative spirit. Fostering an inclusive environment unlocks the full potential of CleanTech solutions, tapping into diverse perspectives and driving unprecedented innovation.

United under #TogetherWeAreStronger, we strive to empower the CleanTech decade, harmonizing business, meaningfulness, and joy. Together, let's create a cleaner, sustainable, and brighter future for all, leaving a lasting impact on our planet and its inhabitants.



The apex of the event will be centered around the #JointManifesto2030, a tribute to the indispensable collaboration between women and men, working hand in hand to drive the CleanTech Decade. This joint manifesto of women and men in CleanTech exemplifies the potency of gender-inclusive teamwork in igniting progress and resonates as a resolute call to action. Its purpose is to forge a global alliance that unites diverse talents, fostering cooperation to propel the world's transformation towards a cleaner and more sustainable future.

## Program

**Date:** 04 October 2023

**Live & Online**

**Venue:** Crystal Banquet Hall

**Time:** 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Crystal Banquet Hall at REI Expo 2023 & Online [HERE](#)

**The Summit Webpage:** Please click [HERE](#)

**Organised by:** CleanTech Business Club's Empowering Women Hub; REI Expo 2013, Informa Markets

**Partnering Organisations:** "Women Energize Women" communication initiative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE), Indo-German Energy Forum, Dii Desert Energy, GWNET: Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition; Global Solar Council (GSC); International Solar Energy Society (ISES); Global Renewable Alliance (GRA); NEIAPP (New Energy Industry Association for Asia and the Pacific); Asia Photovoltaic Industry Association (APVIA); National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI); The Renewable Energy Association of the Philippines (REAP)

### Summit Honorary Chairs:

- Mary O'Donnell "CleanTech Mama"; Founder & President at Clean Power Inc; CBC Honorary Chair of Empowering Women Hub
- Prof. Eicke R. Weber, Vice-Chair at European Solar Manufacturing Council; Former Director, Fraunhofer ISE, Freiburg; Professor Emeritus, UC Berkeley; CBC Chair of R&D, Manufacturing & Supply Chain Hub; Chair of the World CleanTech Awards

### Summit Chairs:

- Dr. Tripta Thakur, Director-General, National Power Training Institute, Ministry of Power, Government of India
- Harendra Pratap Singh, Joint Director, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME)

### Moderators:

- Dr. Rashi Gupta "Batterywali", Managing Director at Vision Mechatronics; CBC Chair of Energy Storage Hub & CBC Chair of Empowering Women Hub
- Tomasz Slusarz, Founder & Vision Streamliner at the CleanTech Business Club; President of the CleanTech Business Institute



### 13:30 pm - 2:15 pm: Opening Ceremony

- Welcome and Introduction to the Summit Why #JointManifesto2030 and announcement of Partnering organisations and initiatives

#### Speakers:

- Mi Yue, Founder of SNEC; Director at NEIAPP (New Energy Industry Association for Asia and the Pacific), Board Member at the Global Solar Council; CBC Co-Chair for Asia
- Prof. Eicke R. Weber, Vice-Chair at European Solar Manufacturing Council; Former Director, Fraunhofer ISE, Freiburg; Professor Emeritus, UC Berkeley; CBC Chair of R&D, Manufacturing & Supply Chain Hub; Chair of the World CleanTech Awards
- Dr. Rashi Gupta "Batterywali", Managing Director at Vision Mechatronics; CBC Chair of Energy Storage Hub & CBC Chair of Empowering Women Hub
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#### Video addresses:

- Gauri Singh, Deputy Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency
- Ellen von Zitzewitz, Deputy Head Division, General issues of bilateral climate and energy cooperation, cooperation in North America, East Asia, Oceania, Turkey and Mena, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, BMWK)
- Dr. Vera Rodenhoff, Deputy Director General - International Climate Protection, International Energy Transition, German Federal Ministry for the Economic Affairs and Climate Action, BMWK
- Elena Crete, Head of the Climate & Energy Program, The United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)
- Anastasia (Sun Ru), CEO at Jiangsu Ronteng New Energy Technology (JRNET); CBC Co-Chair of Financial and Investor Hub (In Charge of China Relations); Chair of CBC Empowering Women Hub for China
- Valeria Maria Aruffo, Director External Relations, Dii Desert Energy
- Rana Ghoneim, Chief, Energy systems & Infrastructure Division, UNIDO (The United Nations Industrial Development Organization)
- BK Brij Mohan, Addl. Secretary-General of the Brahma Kumaris, a global spiritual organisation with Headquarters in Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India
- Bruce Douglas, CEO at Global Renewables Alliance; CBC Co-Chair for Europe
- Dr. Esmeralda Colombo, Policy and Public Funding Manager - Smartenergy Italy Srl; Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Storage Leader, European Institute on Economics and the Environment
- Ibn Ghazala Safaa, Head of Innovation at JESA, Morocco
- Claudius da Costa Gomez, PhD, CEO at German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE)

### 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm: Mentoring Panel Discussion - Removing barriers in financing women cleantech entrepreneurship

**Honorary Chair:** Mary O'Donnell "CleanTech Mama"; Founder & President at Clean Power Inc; CBC Honorary Chair of Empowering Women Hub

**Chair:** Harendra Pratap Singh, Joint Director, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME)



**Moderators:** Dr. Rashi Gupta "Batterywali" and Tomasz Slusarz

- **"Sharing my business adventure" Testimonies:**

- Mary O'Donnell "CleanTech Mama"; Founder & President at Clean Power Inc; CBC Honorary Hayrie Shan, CEO at Euro American Solar; CBC Chair for Bulgaria
- Dr. Rashi Gupta "Batterywali", Managing Director at Vision Mechatronics; CBC Chair of Energy Storage Hub & CBC Chair of Empowering Women Hub
- Shobha Singh, Proprietor, Textile Export House, Perfection Handicrafts, Greater Noida

- **Speakers at Mentoring Panel Discussion:**

Women:

- Dr. Rashi Gupta "Batterywali", Managing Director at Vision Mechatronics; CBC Chair of Energy Storage Hub & CBC Chair of Empowering Women Hub
- Mani Khurana, Senior Energy Specialist and Task Team Leader, Head of the World Bank's Battery Storage Program in India; CBC Energy Storage Hub Member
- Shobha Singh, Proprietor, Textile Export House, Perfection Handicrafts, Greater Noida
- Hayrie Shan, CEO at Euro American Solar; CBC Chair for Bulgaria (online)

Men:

- Harendra Pratap Singh, Joint Director, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME)
- Daniel Thielking, Sales Manager EMEA at AMPT; CBC Co-Chair of Energy Storage Hub
- Dr. BN Sharma, Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), Ajmer Chairman (online)
- Raj Singh Niranjana, Founder at Trans India Law Associates (TILA); Legal Advisor at International Solar Alliance (ISA); CBC Legal Adviser
- Gaurav Kumar Kedia, Chairman, Indian Biogas Association

### **3:15 pm - 4:30 pm: Grand Panel Discussion 2 - Women & Men Empowering The CleanTech Decade Together #TogetherWeAreStronger**

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**Chair:** Dr. Tripta Thakur, Director-General, National Power Training Institute, Ministry of Power, Government of India

**Moderators:** Dr. Rashi Gupta "Batterywali" and Tomasz Slusarz

- **Speakers:**

Women:

- Christine Lins, Executive Director at GWNEN: Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (online)
- Doris Spielthener, Managing Director APAC, Australia and New Zealand at SMA Solar Technology
- Tanushree Bhowmik, Partnership Coordinator - India (On behalf of the WePOWER Interim Secretariat), South Asia Gender and Energy Facility (SAGE) at World Bank
- Ms. Kajol, Manager, Energy, World Resources Institute India



Men:

- Stefan Kaufmann, Hydrogen Executive Advisor to the Thyssenkrupp Board; Former Innovation Commissioner for Green Hydrogen at the German Ministry of Education and Research
- Uday Narang, Founder at Omega Seiki Mobility
- Jaideep N. Malaviya, Managing Director at Malaviya Solar Energy Consultancy, Board Director at International Solar Energy Society; Secretary General, Solar Thermal Federation of India
- Mansour Diagne, Director Sales in MEA at Univergy; CBC Co-Chair for Africa

#### 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Closing Remarks, Conference Wrap-Up and Signature Ceremony

- Summarization of key insights
- Expression of gratitude to participants, speakers, and partners for their contributions
- Call for action: Women & Men Empowering The CleanTech Decade Together  
#TogetherWeAreStronger
- **Signature Ceremony of the Manifesto: Forging a Unified Path of Women and Men in the CleanTech Decade #TogetherWeAreStronger by Speakers, Signatory Guests and Participants**

Speakers:

- Dr. Rashi Gupta "Batterywali", Managing Director at Vision Mechatronics; CBC Chair of Energy Storage Hub & CBC Chair of Empowering Women Hub
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# #JointManifesto2030

## Forging a Unified Path of Women and Men in the CleanTech Decade #TogetherWeAreStronger

In this pivotal moment of shared purpose and collective ambition, we, the pioneers and advocates of the CleanTech industry, converge at the dawn of a new era. Assembled under the banner of the 1st World Women Empowering The CleanTech Decade Summit and united by the resounding mantra of #TogetherWeAreStronger, we set forth this declaration as a timeless compass to guide our joint journey towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

Propelled by the unified energy of women and men from every corner of the globe, we embark on an extraordinary mission that transcends boundaries.

Recognizing that progress flourishes in an environment where all voices are amplified, where the strength of women and men are united, we hereby declare our steadfast commitment to:

- **Foundations of Equality:** We acknowledge that true transformation within the CleanTech industry is rooted in gender equality. We pledge to eradicate all forms of discrimination, ensuring women and men contribute their talents without constraint or prejudice.
- **Synergy of Collaboration:** We celebrate the inherent synergy when women and men collaborate as architects of innovation. We commit to fostering inclusive spaces that harness diverse perspectives, enabling the creation of revolutionary CleanTech solutions that transcend traditional limitations.
- **Elevation of Leadership:** We champion the ascent of both women and men to leadership roles within CleanTech. Through mentorship, education, and advocacy, we will cultivate a generation of leaders who guide the industry to remarkable progress and influence.
- **Unleashing Potential:** We pledge to invest in skills development for women and men across the CleanTech spectrum. By ensuring equal access to education, training, and resources, we will unlock the full spectrum of human potential, propelling the industry to new heights.
- **Global Unity:** We affirm that the success of CleanTech knows no bounds. We commit to bridging geographic and cultural divides, sharing knowledge and resources to magnify the global impact of sustainable solutions.
- **Empowering Economies:** We recognize that economic empowerment is a cornerstone of sustainable development. We pledge to create opportunities for women and men to thrive as entrepreneurs, innovators, and contributors to the CleanTech ecosystem.
- **Guardians of Our Planet:** Embracing our shared responsibility, we vow to safeguard the Earth for future generations. Through CleanTech innovation, we pledge to address environmental challenges and nurture a world that is not only sustainable but regenerative.

As we inscribe this declaration, marked by the spirit of #JointManifesto2030, an emblem co-signed by both women and men, we initiate a journey of unprecedented transformation. In this moment brimming with boundless potential, we stand poised to redefine the trajectory of the CleanTech Decade.

Fortified by unwavering determination and fortified conviction, we pledge to labor hand in hand, across genders, cultures, and traditions. Upholding the tenets outlined in this declaration, we shall shape a future where CleanTech not only propels technological advancement but also nurtures a realm where the latent potential of every individual is fully realized.

In unity and solidarity, we hereby declare our relentless dedication to the CleanTech Decade, certain that #TogetherWeAreStronger and steadfast in our mission to forge a cleaner, more sustainable, regenerative and equitable world for all.





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