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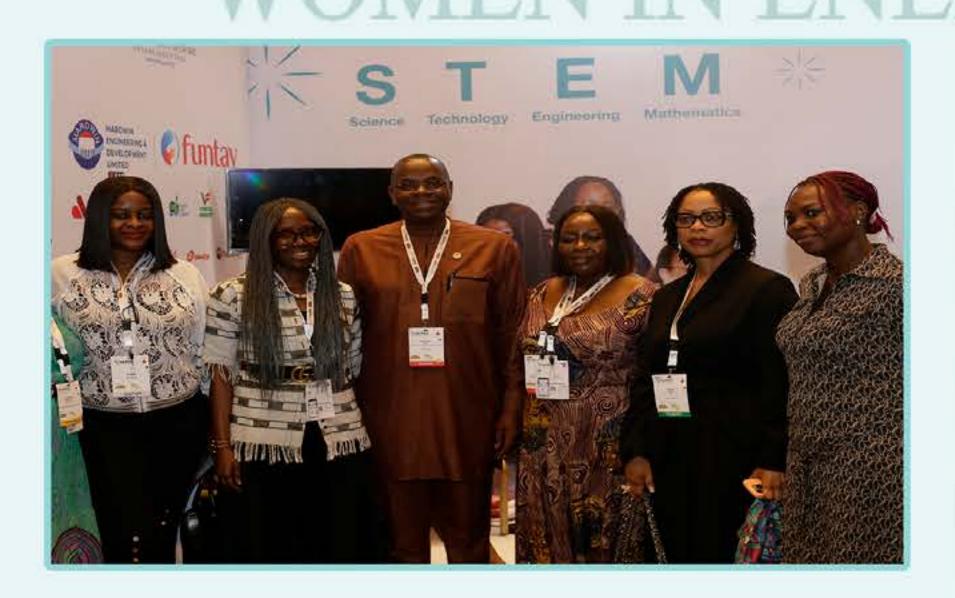


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Earlier this year, during the 2025 edition of the Sub-Saharan Africa International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (SAIPEC), women in energy and their allies restated a collective resolve to accelerate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) across Africa's energy landscape.

At the closing Diversity Workshop—hosted in Lagos and powered by the Women in Energy Network (WIEN)—industry leaders, corporate executives, and policymakers reiterated the urgent need to break barriers, address systemic gender gaps, and create enabling environments that support women's full participation and leadership across the energy value chain.

The two-part session was marked by robust discussions and actionable resolutions. Delegates called for clearly defined DEI goals across government and industry, increased funding for women-owned energy ventures, and targeted scholarship and mentorship programs to support the next generation of female leaders in STEM and energy.



One of the most compelling outcomes of the workshop was the emphasis on male allyship. Participants urged industry players—especially male leaders—to step up as mentors, sponsors, and champions for equity, helping to dismantle long-standing biases and stereotypes that often hinder women's career advancement in the sector.



While the global energy industry has made strides in gender representation, the African context remains heavily constrained by cultural, traditional, and religious norms that perpetuate male dominance in leadership. Delegates acknowledged that these disparities demand bold and sustained interventions. Read more...



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The Women in Energy Network (WIEN) proudly participated in the highly successful Women on the Grid Hub (WotGH) STEM Advocacy Marketplace, an impactful initiative hosted by the United Kingdom Nigeria Infrastructure Advisory Facility (UKNIAF) on January 29, 2025.

The atmosphere at the Lake Greenfield Hotel and Towers in Abuja was electric, charged with the ambition and aspirations of the next generation. The event masterfully convened senior women executives from Nigeria's power sector with promising final-year STEM university students and early-career professionals, creating a dynamic platform for mentorship, networking, and profound knowledge exchange.

At the heart of the marketplace, the WIEN networking stall was a vibrant hub of activity and connection. We were thrilled to engage directly with the future of our industry, and our team successfully connected with 37 bright and ambitious young women. Read more...



IWD 2025: WIEN Adopts 250 Girls for STEM Mentorship









In celebration of International Women's Day 2025, the Women in Energy Network (WIEN) took bold steps to accelerate gender equity in technical careers by adopting 250 secondary school girls into its STEM mentorship pipeline.

The initiative, which took place a few months ago as part of WIEN's Career Fair for Girls in STEM, aimed to inspire and prepare young female students for successful futures in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Career Fair was held simultaneously in Lagos and Port Harcourt, featuring high-impact sessions with professionals from the energy and aviation sectors.

According to WIEN, each student is matched with a real-life mentor who guides them through academic and career decisions. The program also includes holiday internships and field exposure opportunities, offering hands-on learning to bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world application. Read more...





Celebrating the Excellence of WIEN Members in 2025

Throughout 2025, the excellence within our network has shone brighter than ever, and we take immense pride as we celebrate the monumental achievements of our members. From accepting prestigious presidential appointments and shaping national policy to earning distinguished doctorates and taking their rightful seats on influential corporate boards, our women have consistently raised the bar. Join us in offering a resounding round of applause for these luminaries whose hard work, dedication, and vision continue to inspire us all. Congratulations on a year of extraordinary accomplishments!







WIEN Showcases Leadership and Inclusion at NAICE 2025

The Nigeria Annual International Conference & Exhibition (NAICE) 2025, organized by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), took place from August 4th to 6th in Lagos. The three-day event convened global and local leaders, policymakers, professionals, and innovators across the oil and gas industry to exchange knowledge, explore new technologies, and chart pathways toward a sustainable energy future.

Women in Energy Network (WIEN) proudly participated in NAICE 2025 as an exhibitor, reaffirming our commitment to advancing gender diversity, equity, and inclusion in the energy industry. Our presence at the exhibition was focused on four key goals:

- Increasing WIEN's visibility within the energy ecosystem.
- Showcasing programs and initiatives that empower women and girls in STEM.
- Building strategic networks with industry stakeholders.
- Encouraging membership sign-ups among women professionals and STEM-driven young women.

Our exhibition booth became a vibrant hub of activity throughout the three days, engaging visitors with inspiring conversations on WIEN's mission, projects, and success stories. A major highlight was the promotion of the Supernova – Girls in STEM Initiative, which resonated strongly with attendees eager to inspire the next generation of female leaders in energy.



Championing Women's Voices

WIEN's leadership was also represented on the conference agenda by two distinguished members:

- Engr. Tessy Ewuzie, Head of Facility Management at Aradel Holdings Plc.
- Wola Joseph-Condotti, Group MD/CEO of West Power & Gas Ltd and WIEN Vice President (Power).

Their participation showed WIEN's role in shaping conversations around leadership, innovation, and inclusion in the energy space.

NAICE 2025 provided WIEN with a powerful platform to strengthen partnerships, expand our membership, and deepen our impact across the energy value chain. The conversations, connections, and insights gained during the event will fuel our continued advocacy for gender inclusion and empower us to deliver even more impactful programs for women and young girls in STEM.

At WIEN, we remain steadfast in our mission to drive change, inspire future leaders, and ensure that women's voices are not only heard but actively shape the future of energy.

The WIEN CEO Roundtable

WIEN's Debut Conference Event

More details coming soon.

WIEN Showcases Women's Leadership at OWI WA 2025

The Women in Energy Network (WIEN) proudly participated as an exhibiting partner at the Offshore Well Intervention West Africa (OWI WA) Conference 2025 in Lagos, Nigeria, reaffirming our mission to amplify the visibility and contributions of women across the energy value chain.

The OWI WA Conference is a premier platform for stakeholders in offshore well intervention, providing opportunities for knowledge exchange, networking, and the presentation of innovative technologies that drive growth in West Africa's energy industry.

WIEN's Contribution to OWI WA 2025

As part of its engagement, WIEN hosted an exhibition stand that showcased its mission, programmes, membership opportunities, and collaborative initiatives. Read more...



WIEN Knowledge Sessions: Advancing Women in Energy Through Knowledge Sharing

Beyond advocacy, the Women In Energy Network places strong emphasis on learning as a tool for empowerment. To achieve its mission of empowering and advancing women in energy, every year WIEN hosts a series of knowledge sessions designed to connect women with experts, industry and thought leaders, who can provide insight, perspective, and practical strategies for growth.

The sessions cut across a wide range of themes, from technical sessions on energy transition and sustainability, to health talks, financial management, and personal growth. Each one is thoughtfully designed to address the realities women face in the industry today, while equipping them for the opportunities of tomorrow.

Below is a roundup of the knowledge sessions that shaped the year:

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Safety: Quality Standards, Best Practices & Conversion Success

11th March 2025 | 47 attendees

Nigeria's energy transition is gaining momentum, with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) positioned as one of the key alternatives driving the shift away from reliance on liquid fuels. But with opportunity comes the responsibility of maintaining safety and standards.

This WIEN CNG webinar was facilitated by Engr. Ferdinand C. Okechukwu, Founder/Managing Director of Audma Integrated Services Ltd, and Engr. Ijachi Ega, Group Head, Mechanical and Head of Gas Infrastructure at the Standards Organisation of Nigeria.

These expert speakers unpacked the essentials of CNG adoption, from ensuring quality compliance to conversion best practices. Attendees left with both the technical knowledge and confidence to support Nigeria's clean energy journey responsibly.





"For professionals, investors, and everyday consumers"

Life After Subsidy: Market Realities Post-Deregulation 22nd April 2025 | 98 attendees

Few reforms have reshaped Nigeria's energy sector in recent years as critically as the removal of fuel subsidy. For professionals, investors, and even everyday consumers, deregulation has created new challenges while also opening doors for innovation and investment.

This WIEN Downstream/Midstream Webinar featured Baba Shettima Kukawa, Executive Director of Retail Operations and Mobility at NNPC Retail Limited, Kikelomo Afolabi, Value Maturation Manager at Aradel Holdings, and Olaposi Williams, CEO of Heyden Petroleum Limited.

Together, they provided a candid analysis of what deregulation really means on the ground: from pricing dynamics and consumer behavior to supply chain disruptions and long-term opportunities.

For many attendees, it was a chance to hear directly from the people shaping the downstream space, and to prepare themselves for the "new normal" of the post-subsidy market.

Mental Health & DEI: Navigating Workplace Inequities with Resilience

3rd June 2025 | 24 attendees

While energy conversations often focus on infrastructure, innovation, and investment, the human dimension is just as essential. Women in the industry continue to face discrimination and inequities — from subtle biases to systemic barriers — that affect not only their careers but also their mental wellbeing.

In this session, Bosede Christiana Oyelakin, Founder and Executive Clinical Director of My Unburden Hub, led a deeply engaging conversation on resilience and the importance of taking care of one's mental health, especially as women in male-dominated fields.

The session explored strategies for managing stress, navigating inequities, and fostering inclusive environments. Though the attendance was smaller than usual, the impact was deeply personal. Many participants described it as a safe space where they could reflect on their own experiences and leave with tools to prioritize both wellbeing and career advancement. Read more...



WIEN Collegiate Community Elects New Executive Team

The Women in Energy Network (WIEN) is proud to announce the election of a new executive team for the WIEN Collegiate Community, a key milestone in our ongoing mission to nurture young leaders and inspire the next generation of women in energy. The WIEN Collegiate Community was established to provide a platform for female students in universities and colleges across Nigeria to access mentorship, leadership development, and career-building opportunities in the energy sector. By bridging the gap between academia and industry, the community empowers students to gain knowledge, build networks, and actively contribute to shaping a more inclusive energy future.

A New Era of Student Leadership

The newly elected executives represent a dynamic group of young women who embody passion, innovation, and resilience. Their leadership will be instrumental in driving activities across campuses, including STEM advocacy, professional development sessions, and networking opportunities that expose students to real-world industry trends and challenges.

This new team will also play a pivotal role in amplifying WIEN's mission to promote gender diversity, equity, and inclusion. By organising outreach programs, engaging their peers, and building strategic collaborations, the executives will ensure that more young women are equipped and inspired to pursue careers in energy and related fields.

Over the past years, the Collegiate Community has steadily grown into a vibrant network of aspiring professionals, supported by WIEN's mentoring, training, and advocacy initiatives. The new executive team inherits this strong foundation and carries the responsibility of expanding the community's impact further.

As WIEN continues to extend its footprint in universities and technical institutions, the Collegiate Community will remain central to identifying and nurturing talent from an early stage. With the support of WIEN mentors and industry partners, the new executives are set to deliver impactful programs that will inspire more young women to dream, lead, and thrive in the energy industry.

WIEN congratulates the newly elected executive team and looks forward to an era of growth, innovation, and collaboration under their leadership.

WIEN Collegiate Community Concludes "Mentorship with Rowena" Program

The Women in Energy Network (WIEN) proudly marks the successful conclusion of the "Mentorship with Rowena" programme, an eight-month group mentorship series designed exclusively for members of the WIEN Collegiate Community. Launched in January 2025 and concluded in August 2025, the initiative has served as a transformative journey of learning, growth, and preparation for life beyond the classroom.

"Mentorship with Rowena" was a structured monthly mentorship series facilitated by **Prof. Rowena Torres-Ordonez**, an experienced industry leader with over 30 years of experience in the energy sector. Over the course of eight sessions, collegiate members had the unique opportunity to learn directly from Rowena's wealth of professional experience, insights, and practical guidance on navigating the energy industry and building impactful careers.

Each monthly session addressed critical areas including career readiness, personal branding, leadership skills, networking, professional ethics, and the importance of resilience. By combining knowledge-sharing with real-life stories and interactive discussions, the programme equipped participants with tools to confidently transition from academic life to the professional world.

Preparing for the Future

Although the mentorship sessions formally ended in August, the Collegiate Community is now engaging in mock interview sessions as a continuation of the programme. These mock interviews are designed to simulate real-world recruitment processes, enabling students to practice, gain feedback, and sharpen their readiness for life after school.

This hands-on approach not only boosts confidence but also ensures that mentees are well-prepared to seize opportunities and excel in their chosen career paths.

The success of "Mentorship with Rowena" underscores WIEN's commitment to creating pathways for young women to thrive in the energy sector and beyond. The programme has strengthened the Collegiate Community's culture of mentorship and has set a strong foundation for future leadership-focused initiatives.

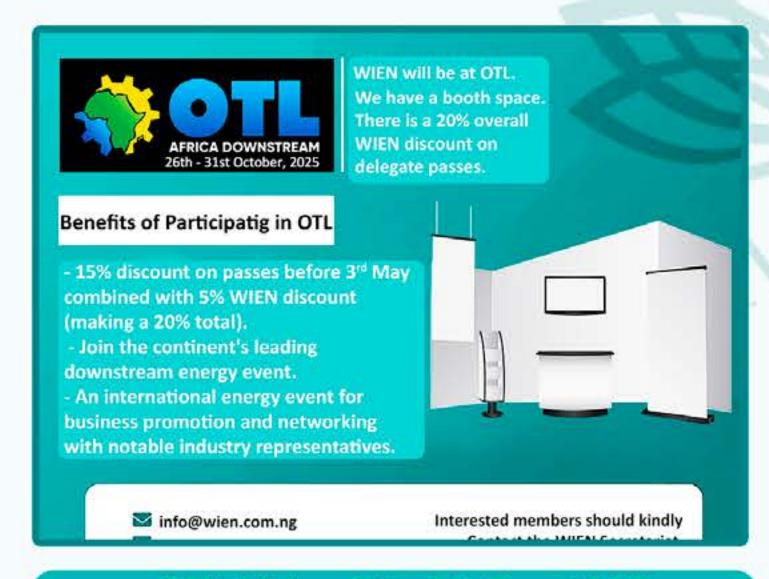
Reflecting on the journey, Mrs Asanimo Omezi, WIEN Executive Secretary, commended both the mentor and mentees for their dedication:



Upcoming Events in Q4 2025



Click here to Register for the WIEN Health Talk on Managing Hormonal Imbalance Registration



OTL Africa, 26 - 31 Oct, 2025 Oriental Hotel, Lagos Nigeria.



El Energy Sustainability Conference, 13 - 14 Nov - Eko Hotel, VI Lagos (Hybrid)



Gas Investment Forum, 7 - 8 Oct, 2025 Oriental Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria



Women in Energy Network CEO Roundtable



Practical Nigeria Content (PNC) Forum 1 - 04 Dec, 2025





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