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Levers of Change: How Global Trends Impact Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Access to Sustainable Energy

The report, "Levers of Change: How Global Trends Impact Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Access to Sustainable Energy," looks at key emerging issues -such as proliferating use of mobile money financing and declining decentralized renewable energy technology costs- and the extent to which women are able to leverage these trends so that they can gain access to electricity, clean cooking and other sustainable energy solutions.

The report's research indicates that women have fewer chances to gain energy access and, as a result, are at higher risk of being left behind as sustainable energy solutions take stronger hold in Africa and other regions with significant energy access gaps.

There is significant work underway to promote gender responsive and socially inclusive approaches to energy access through women's empowerment and engagement in the energy sector, as well as on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Current and emerging socio-economic trends will greatly influence decisions on how energy is delivered and financed and the roles of women and men. An improved understanding of such trends can help inform decisions on policy and finance that can enhance the delivery of 2030 goals and ensure no one is left behind.

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