

AGENDA

FEMALE LEADERS IN ENERGY PROJECT OPENING EVENT

ADVANCING WOMEN IN ENERGY

June 29, 2021 9:00-10:45 p.m., EDT

June 30, 2021 8:00-9:45 a.m., ICT

Virtual

Asia EDGE (Enhancing Development and Growth through Energy)
Indo-Pacific Energy Market Investment and Modernization

In partnership with the U.S. Government



FEMALE LEADERS IN ENERGY PROJECT OPENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Bringing together industry stakeholders to discuss “Advancing Women in Energy,” this opening event will introduce the Female Leaders in Energy (FLIE) partnership and include a panel of U.S. and regional women energy leaders sharing their professional journeys and reflections on the challenges they faced, the programs or policies that facilitated their professional development and the role that mentors and corporate leaders played in supporting them in the workplace.

FLIE Opening Event Objectives:

- Introduce the FLIE partnership and mentorship program.
- Answer questions on FLIE for potential mentees/mentors interested in applying.
- Discuss challenges women face in the energy sector via a panel discussion with U.S. and regional female energy leaders.

SCHEDULE

June 29, 2021 EDT / June 30, 2021 ICT

9:00 p.m. EDT/
8:00 a.m. ICT

Welcome remarks

Speaker: Sheila Hollis, Acting Executive Director, USEA

9:10 p.m. EDT/
8:10 a.m. ICT

Opening remarks

Speaker: Ambassador Virginia Palmer, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR), U.S. Department of State

9:15 p.m. EDT/
8:15 a.m. ICT

Introduction to FLIE partnership and Q&A for potential mentor program applicants

Speaker: Sarah Thorne, Senior Program Coordinator, USEA

Future Leaders in Energy (FLIE) is a two-year mentorship and professional fellowship program for women from Southeast Asia. Early-career women in the energy sector will be paired with a senior-level mentor based in the U.S. to explore and develop industry and job-function knowledge. Participants will complete a capstone project and the two-year program will consist of:

- Quarterly mentorship meetings;
- Six technical workshops/ conferences; and
- An opportunity to participate in a study tour or two-week job shadow in the U.S.

9:35 p.m. EDT/
8:35 a.m. ICT

Panel: Advancing Women in Energy

Female leaders from the energy sector will participate in a panel discussion about their professional journeys. The panelists will reflect on challenges they faced, programs or policies that facilitated their professional development, and the role that mentors/corporate leaders played in supporting them in the workplace.

Moderator: Sheila Hollis, Acting Executive Director, USEA

Panelists:

- Jolene Cicci, Line Troubleshooter, FirstEnergy (U.S.)
- Nguy Thi Khanh, Executive Director and Founder, Green ID (Vietnam)

- Danielle Merfeld, Chief Technology Officer, GE Renewable Energy (U.S.)
- Yok Potts, Manager of Business & Digital Transformation Program Support, MISO (U.S.)
- Wini Rizkinigayu, Head of Business Development—Renewable Energy and Tech, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (Indonesia)

10:05 p.m. EDT/
9:05 a.m. ICT

Moderated Questions for Panelists

Panelists will answer questions that were submitted ahead of time and questions from the audience.

10:30 p.m. EDT/
9:30 a.m. ICT

Summary and Path Forward

Speaker: Sarah Thorne, Senior Program Coordinator, USEA

- *Summary of panel discussion.*
- *Application process for mentorship program.*
- *Concluding remarks.*

10:45 p.m. EDT/
9:45 a.m. ICT

Adjourn

SPEAKERS

Sheila Hollis, United States Energy Association (USEA)

Sheila Hollis is Acting Executive Director of the United States Energy Association. Through its membership, USEA represents 150 members across the U.S. energy sector from the largest Fortune 500 companies to small energy consulting firms.

In her role, Ms. Hollis represents the broad interests of the U.S. energy industry and interacts with domestic and international leaders to advance knowledge and seek partnerships to develop and enhance energy infrastructure worldwide.

Prior to becoming Acting Executive Director, she served as the Association's Chairman of the Board. She has served on the USEA Board of Directors for 15 years.

Sheila Hollis is also Of Counsel and Chair of the Duane Morris, LLP Washington, D.C. office, and was the office's founding managing partner, as well as the founding leader of the firm's Energy, Environment and Resources Practice Group. She served on the firm's Executive Committee and Partners Board for more than a decade.

Ms. Hollis practices in the areas of energy policy and, transactional and regulatory law worldwide. Over the course of her career, she has played a key role in the formation and implementation of energy law and policy in the United States and beyond. She began her energy law career as a trial lawyer at the Federal Power Commission and was the founding Director of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. For 20 years, she was adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School, teaching over 600 students energy law, and co-authored texts on energy law.

Sheila served as the first woman President of the Energy Bar Association, chaired the ABA's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources and serves as its representative on the ABA Board of Governors. She also chaired the Federal Bar Association's Energy and Environment Section and multiple other bar-related entities. Additionally, Sheila served Chair of the ABA's Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress in addition to other ABA leadership roles.

Ambassador Virginia Palmer, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR), U.S. Department of State

Ambassador Virginia E. Palmer became Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Energy Resources on November 4, 2019. She is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, rank of Minister Counselor. She was most recently the Deputy Commandant and International Affairs Advisor at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. She served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi from January 2015 until June 2019. There, she oversaw an annual bilateral assistance budget of more than \$500 million and the work of eleven U.S. government agencies. As Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in South Africa from 2011 to 2014, she was responsible for the strategic direction and operational effectiveness of 1,100 staff from 28 U.S. government agencies and oversaw a \$480 million/annum PEPFAR (HIV/AIDS) program budget. She negotiated agreement with the South African government for their takeover of HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs, the first such transition in the world. As Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Vietnam from 2008-2011, she promoted major trade initiatives and helped shape new U.S. dioxin (Agent Orange) remediation efforts.

From 2005-2008, Ambassador Palmer was the State Department's Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism, responsible for terrorist finance issues and establishing regional initiatives to strengthen partner nations' capacity to degrade terrorist capability. From 2004-2005, she was Director of the East Asia Bureau's Office of Economic Policy and the alternate U.S. Senior Official for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC). From 2001-2004, she was Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.

Other postings during her 33-year career include assignments in Canada, Zimbabwe, China, and Hong Kong working on political-military affairs, corruption, trade and agriculture, labor and human rights issues, health and development. In the State Department, she served in the Office of Maghreb Affairs and the Secretary's Operations Center. She is the recipient of numerous Superior Honor, Meritorious Honor and Senior Performance awards.

Ambassador Palmer obtained her Masters and did doctoral studies at the University of Virginia. She received a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University and also attended Washington University in St. Louis. She speaks Chinese and French.

Jolene Cicci, Line Troubleshooter, FirstEnergy

Jolene Cicci began her career as a labor employee 30 years ago at the Hatfield Power Plant in Greene County. She did that for two years, before a lineman position opened up. In 1991, Cicci began a five-year training progression to become a line worker, collecting numerous certifications along the way. Now, she's reached the highest level, as a journeyman linewoman.

Cicci has worked all over the East Coast, including Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Florida. She gets sent different places to repair storm damage. During Hurricane Sandy in 2012, she spent nearly a month in New Jersey, working 16-hour shifts.

In 2003, she was sent to Richmond, Va., to assist with restoration efforts following Hurricane Isabel. She was the only linewoman there, among 4,000 linemen.

In the last few years of her career, Cicci said she plans to work to recruit more linewomen for West Penn Power, through the company's support and networking groups for women and minorities. She said she hopes to instill in others the passion she has for line work.

Nguy Thi Khanh, Green ID

Nguy Thi Khanh is a pioneer leader of Vietnam's environmental movement and has played an instrumental role in shifting Vietnam from coal and towards renewables and energy efficiency. Khanh's breakthrough strategy will focus on accelerating Vietnam's clean energy economy, safeguarding clean

air and water for public health, and sharing lessons with partners in Southeast Asia to usher in a clean energy era for the region.

In 2011 the Vietnamese government published its Power Development Plan for 2011-2020 with outlook to 2030 calling for 75,000 megawatts of coal-fired power by 2030. That same year, Khanh founded the Green Innovation and Development Centre (GreenID) to promote sustainable energy development in Vietnam. Bringing together scientists, experts, media, and civil society, Khanh and GreenID have been able to help key leaders and the public increase their understanding of the health and community risks of coal while highlighting another path forward through clean energy and energy efficiency.

Danielle Merfeld, General Electric Renewable Energy

Danielle Merfeld is the Chief Technology Officer of GE Renewable Energy, reporting to the CEO. In this role, she leads technical efforts to develop differentiated products and services across the broadest renewable energy portfolio in the industry, including onshore wind, offshore wind, grid solutions, solar PV, batteries, and hydro. She also champions sustainability efforts across the business, leading a team focused on achieving carbon neutrality, and leads the GE Renewable Energy Edison Engineering Program. Additionally, Danielle serves as co-leader of the GE Women's Network, a global organization focused on the recruiting, retention, development and promotion of talented women across GE. She was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2021. Danielle was recognized by the New York Capital Region Chamber of Commerce with the "Women of Excellence Award" in 2016, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Cleanie Awards in 2018 and recognized in the top 5 on the 2020 North American Power List.

Prior to her role at GE Renewable Energy, Danielle was the Vice President & General Manager at GE Global Research where she advanced disruptive technology platforms across the industrial sector. As a thought leader in the industry, Danielle has delivered remarks and participated on panels at conferences and symposiums on topics like digital platforms, advanced controls, the energy transformation, the future of renewable energy, grid challenges and solutions, and microsystems.

Danielle received her B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame, and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Northwestern University. She has authored or co-authored over 70 papers in refereed technical journals and has given presentations at conferences and symposiums around the world. Danielle is a member of several technical associations and on the Board of Trustees at the University of Notre Dame. She serves on the boards of Texas A&M University's Smart Grid Center, focused on modernizing the electrical grid; and Advanced Energy Economy, an organization of businesses working to make energy secure, clean, and affordable. Danielle is also an Ambassador to the Clean Energy, Education and Empowerment (C3E) initiative representing the United States.

Yok Potts, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)

Yok Potts is Manager of Business & Digital Transformation Program Support at MISO. With over 17 years of industry experience, Yok has held various leadership and engineering roles in Reliability and Market Operations at MISO. In her prior role as the manager of Operational Forecasting, she began participating in the United States Energy Association (USEA) programs in India and Colombia where she spoke on renewables and load forecasting. Yok holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Indianapolis and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) from Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis.

Wini Rizkiningayu, Head of Business Development, Renewable Energy & Tech New Zealand Trade and Enterprise

Wini Rizkiningayu is an energy-sector professional with 14 years of experience in global Energy businesses. With Electronic and Instrument Science background, she started her career as a field engineer – measuring & logging while drilling for Schlumberger. She then moved to Total EP Indonesia as well log analyst and subsequently a petrophysicist, where she was one of few in her field without geoscience background.

Wini became more a generalist when she joined a US company, Paradigm Geophysical where she grew to become a Regional Business Development Manager for Asia Pacific. After 10 years+ in Oil and Gas, she decided to take one year sabbatical leave. Since 2018, she worked with a New Zealand government's organization, the New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) as a head of business development. In the current role, she assists NZ businesses in Renewable Energy & Tech sectors to grow bigger better faster. She is now a master's in public policy (MPP) student cohort 2021-2022 in Oxford University.

Energy transition, sustainability, and capacity development are three of her biggest passions - the elements that she believes will determine how our future will be. Outside of work, she is a fellow and mentor in ThinkPolicy, mentor in Young Women for Sustainability (YWES) and a Woman In Geothermal (WING) future leaders cohort 2020-2021. In her spare time, she actively helps facilitating various organizations in problem solving, storytelling and strategic planning.