

Women in Energy – WiE Forum

The Power of Inclusion – The Future of Energy driven by All

Solange David, Chair 2022-2026

August 27, 2026, 11am – 14 pm, Room 242 AB

Women in Energy Forum



Speakers Session - Presentations

Questions & Answers - Interaction

Passing the baton - WiE Chair / Vice-Chair

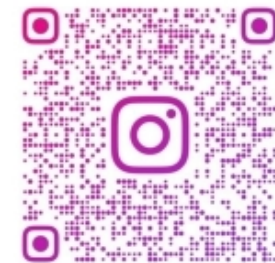
Innovation & Education and Next steps

World Café / Lunch

Poster Session -

**WiE National
Committees**

Room 252 AB



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WiE Forum - Speakers



- **Session 1: Speaker Ruchira Sheoran**, Vice-President Trench Group
- **Session 2: Philippe Adam**, CIGRE Secretary General - Central Office speech
- **Session 3: Rannveig Loken**, CIGRE Vice President Technical - Technical Innovations
- **Session 4:** Nenad Uzelac, Biljana Stojkovska, Biljana Sovilj – One Grid
- **Session 5: Mélanie Pigeon** (Hydro Quebec) and **Lise Laforce** (Opal RT) - Energy Security
- **Q&A Session - Carla Damasceno** (SC B1) and Ruomei Li (Special Commentator)
- **Closing and next steps: Pranvera Dobruna and Aimee Intac Leung**

WiE Forum 2026 – Organizing Committee



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Thank you: CIGRE Central Office

The Power of Inclusion

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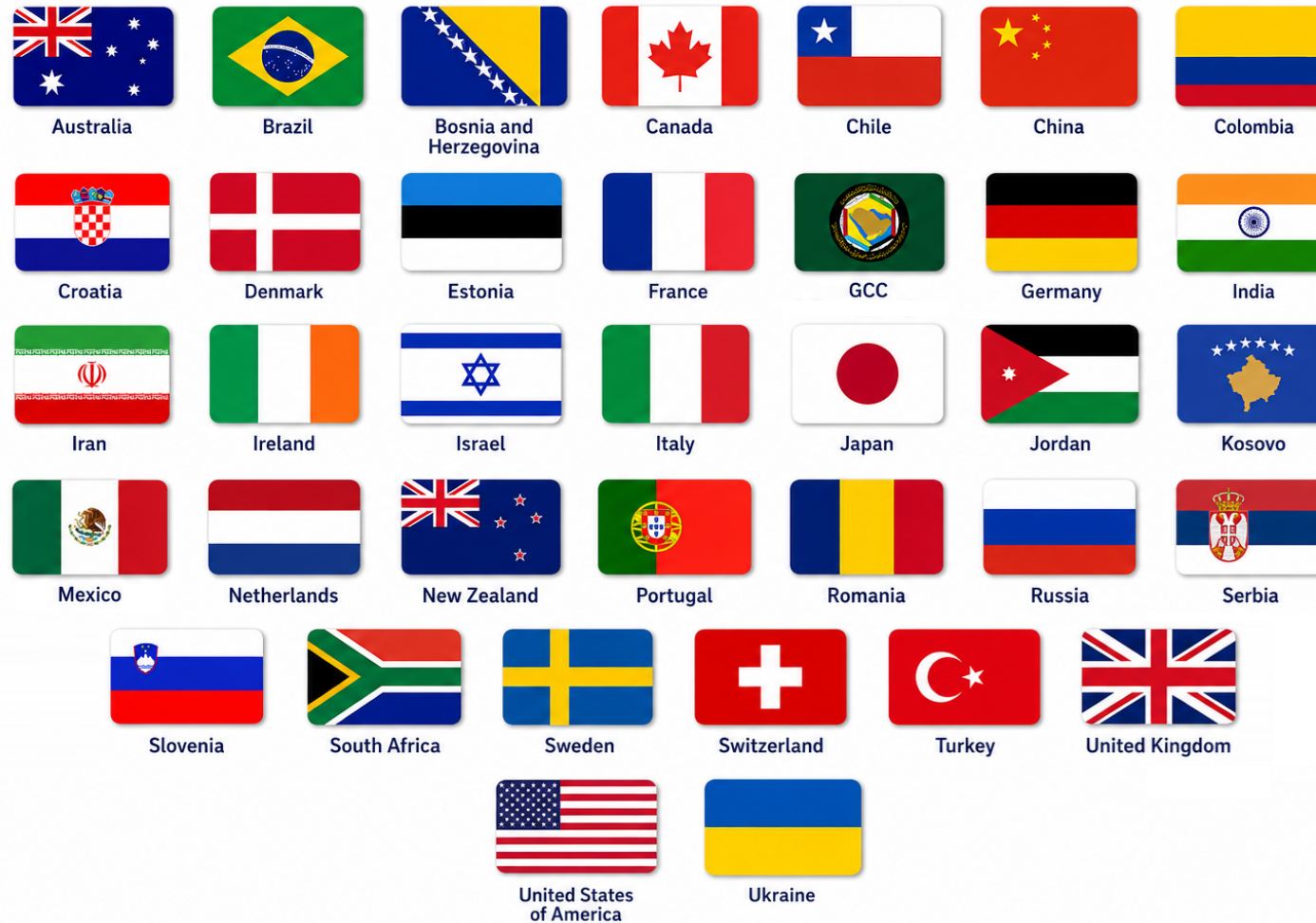
- The power of supporting Women and creating value for everyone
- The power of the process—daily, strategic, and human activities
- The power of uniting efforts and intelligence

Powering the future, together.



Solange David
Chair 2022-2026

CIGRE WiE National Committees – 41 com GCC



GCC – Gulf Co-Cooperation
Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar,
Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.



Women in Energy Forum

Konstantin Papailiou

CIGRE President



Ruchira Sheoran

Vice-President Trench Group



Ruchira Sheoran is Vice President of Service at Trench Group, where she leads the global service business across the company's portfolio- Instrument Transformers, Bushings, Coils and HVDC products.

A mathematician by training with an MBA from SDA Bocconi, she has spent two decades bridging strategy and execution across energy, renewables, aviation and semiconductors, leading cross-functional teams across EMEA, APAC and the Americas.

Before joining Trench, she held senior operations, product and strategy roles at Siemens, Siemens Gamesa and Siemens Energy.



Leading Grid
Connections.

CIGRE PARIS 2026 Women In Energy

Thursday 27 August

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Safety moment

CIGRE WEEK – ERGONOMICS EDITION



WEAR THE RIGHT
SHOES



SIT WHEN YOU
CAN



SHARE THE LOAD,
SWITCH
SHOULDERS



HYDRATE & PACE
YOURSELF

**WE MAKE POWER GRIDS RELIABLE FOR MILLIONS.
LET'S ALSO TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM!**

“The Age of Electricity has arrived, underpinned by strong demand growth”

IEA report Feb 2026

Yearly demand
growth **3,6%**
until 2030

Electrification
(Industry, Traffic,
Buildings)
and AI as
main drivers

80%
of demand growth
in emerging
countries.
50%
China alone

“Grids are emerging as a bottleneck for connecting supply, demand and storage”

IEA report Feb 2026

2,500+ GW await
grid connection
(PV, Storage, Datacenter)

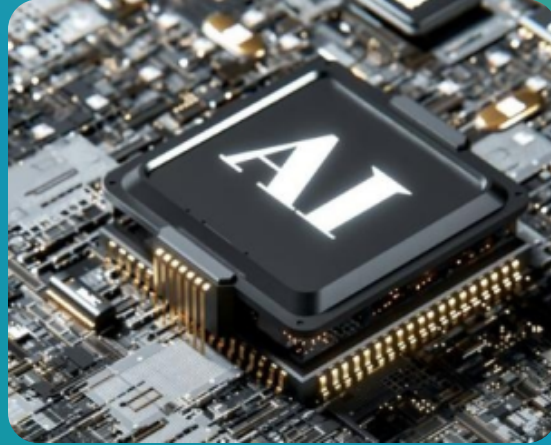
50% uplift
in grid investment
by 2030 required

Reliability, flexibility
and affordability
are key

OPPORTUNITIES LIVING IN THE "AGE OF ELECTRICITY"



GROWING
POPULATION



DATA
PROCESSING



GRID
MODERNIZATION



DECENTRALIZED
POWER GENERATION

**Global power
demand**

2024

31.0TWh



2050

57.6TWh

WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE COME FROM

Since 1893, Trench has pioneered the technology behind ~1.2M installations worldwide, working in grids around the world, and we're growing faster than ever.



Trench Group
launches Trench
Consulting

2025



Launch of Trench
Asset Services

2026



HSP-Facility
in North
America Opened

2026



2024

Successful
completion of
carve-out from
Siemens Energy

2025

Trench
acquires
H Nu



H Nu Pty Ltd
Electrical Measurement
Optical Reliability

2025

Acquisition of
Reinhausen Power
Composites (RPC)

2026

Enerlux joins
Trench Group



New management team



Bahadir
Basdere



Klaus
Merklein



Brigitte
Kurz



AND WE ARE GROWING TOO! FEEDING THE HUNGER FOR ELECTRICITY

+
~40%

ORDER INTAKE

FINANCIAL YEAR 2025

+
>30%

SALES REVENUE

FINANCIAL YEAR 2025
SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

+
>800

EMPLOYEES

SINCE CARVE OUT ON
APRIL 2024

Our Portfolio



GRID CONNECTION

The right technology linking critical components across the grid.

Key products:

- ⊕ High Voltage Bushings
- ⊕ Cable Terminations



GRID MEASUREMENT

Real-time insights across the network.

Key products:

- ⊕ Current, Voltage & Combined Transformers
- ⊕ Optical Measurement Systems
- ⊕ Voltage Dividers



GRID RELIABILITY

Keeping grids stable.

Key products:

- ⊕ Air-core and Shunt Reactors
- ⊕ Power Capacitors
- ⊕ Arc Suppression Coils systems



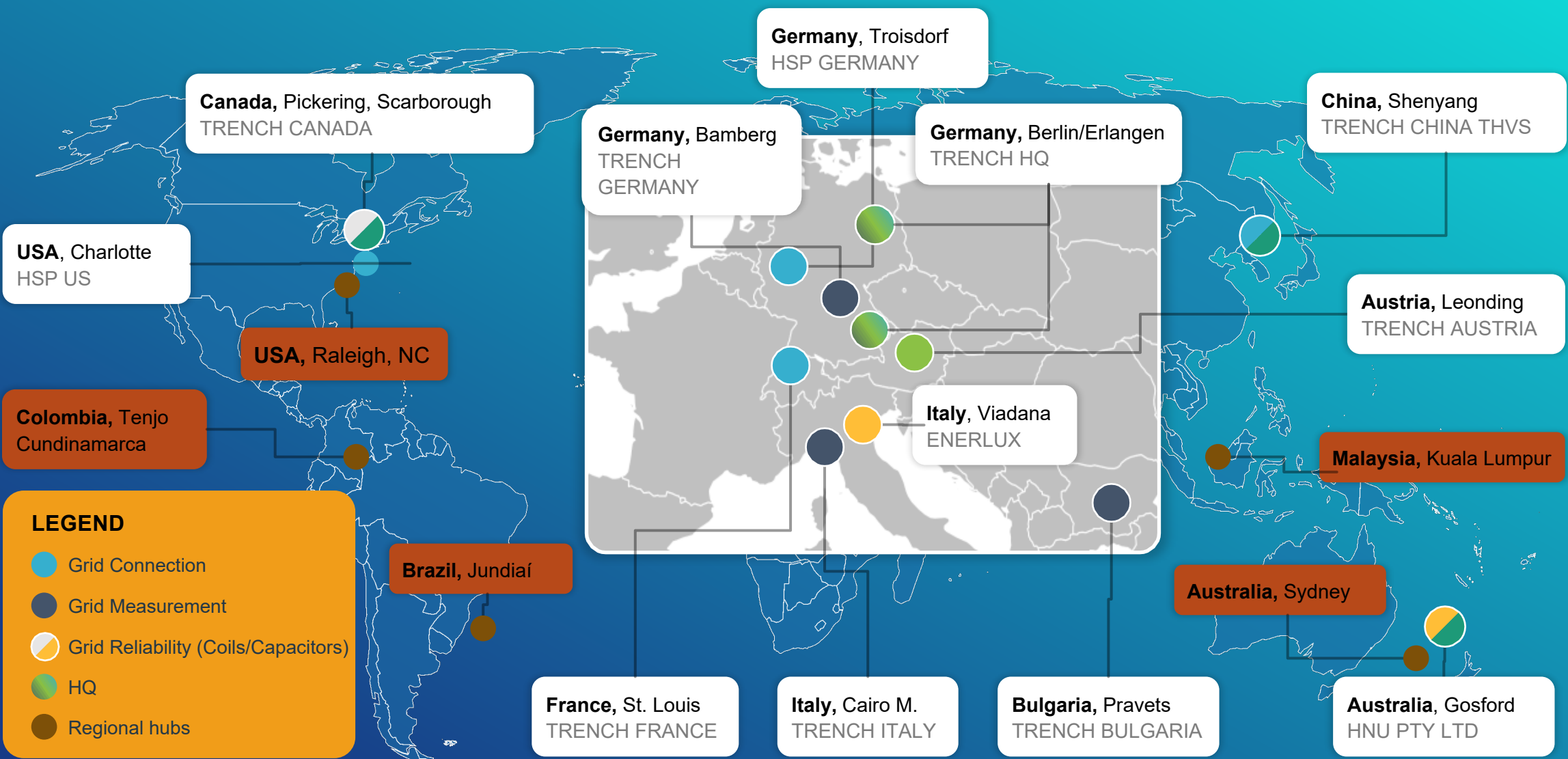
Grid studies; analyses of primary equipment; solutions for testing and C&P



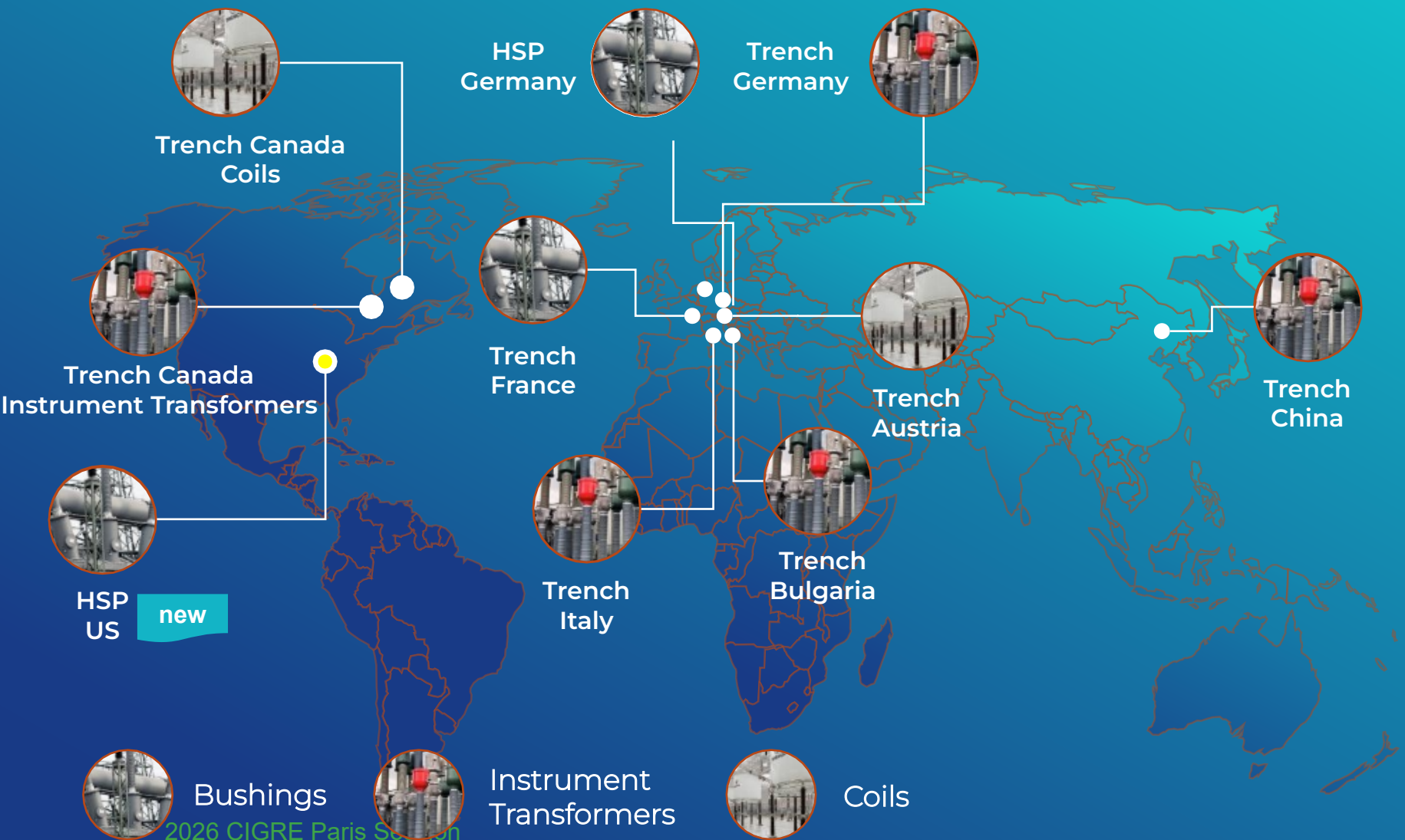
Powering Performance, Lasting Value

Prevent equipment failures and unplanned outages; optimizing costs through asset lifetime extension; ensure readiness for new technologies

Global Manufacturing, Headquarters & Sales Network



LARGE CAPACITY EXPANSIONS PLANNED ACROSS ALL FACTORIES



EUR400 million

**Investment in
Capacity
Expansion**

by 2030

CHALLENGES

KEEPING UP WITH EXPONENTIAL GROWTH



CAPACITY GROWTH



SAFETY



DATA & CYBER
SECURITY

THE GRID CAN'T WAIT NEITHER CAN THE TALENT PIPELINE

1.9M

manufacturing roles
at risk of going unfilled
by 2033, just in US

The pattern repeats globally. The energy transition cannot be delivered by a talent pool that excludes half the population.

<25%

women in senior roles
across manufacturing
globally

In heavy electrical equipment, the exact segment powering grid modernization, the share is even lower.

This is not just a social issue. It is a capacity constraint.

TALENT

the fourth challenge-
alongside capacity, safety &
cyber

The one that decides whether we can deliver the other 3 well.

And the reason why inclusion is the pillar the grid gets built on.

Trench Group is here because the grid challenge is real. So is the talent challenge. Both require the same thing: getting the best people to solve the problem.

BUILDING A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE & INCLUSIVE ORGANIZATION

3000+
Headcount

50+
Nationalities

75%
Male
25%
Female

INCLUSION and Diversity not only moral imperatives but essential business priorities

Diversity in action; DEI Core part of Strategy

~450

new hires in FY25

based on objective qualifications
- age, gender, ethnicity, or
religion play no role

Age distribution spanning

20-70+

with 50% workforce aged 30-45

**19% Female
Managers**

KPI tracked annually; Unconscious
bias trainings

Target 30% till 2030

Active collaborations with schools & universities to **promote STEM education** *(incl. dedicated campaigns to reach female students to join apprenticeship program)*

Global Diversity Officer to promote and implement continuous initiatives throughout the organization

Guided by UN SDGs (4"Quality education", 5"Gender Equality", 8"Decent work and economic growth", 10"Reduced inequalities") · ILO Labor Standards · UN Women Empowerment Principles · UN Standards on LGBTI Non-Discrimination

2026 CIGRE Paris Session

POWER OF INCLUSION

the future of energy, driven by all

NOW

is when the decisions get made

**You are part of the solution – in what you build, and
in who you bring along.**

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR BOOTH!

BOOTH #112, Level 2!



News from CIGRE for WiE

Philippe ADAM
CIGRE Secretary General



Agenda

- CIGRE Strategic Plan
- CIGRE figures, focused on the evolution of female participation
- CIGRE Digital Re-invent - Status

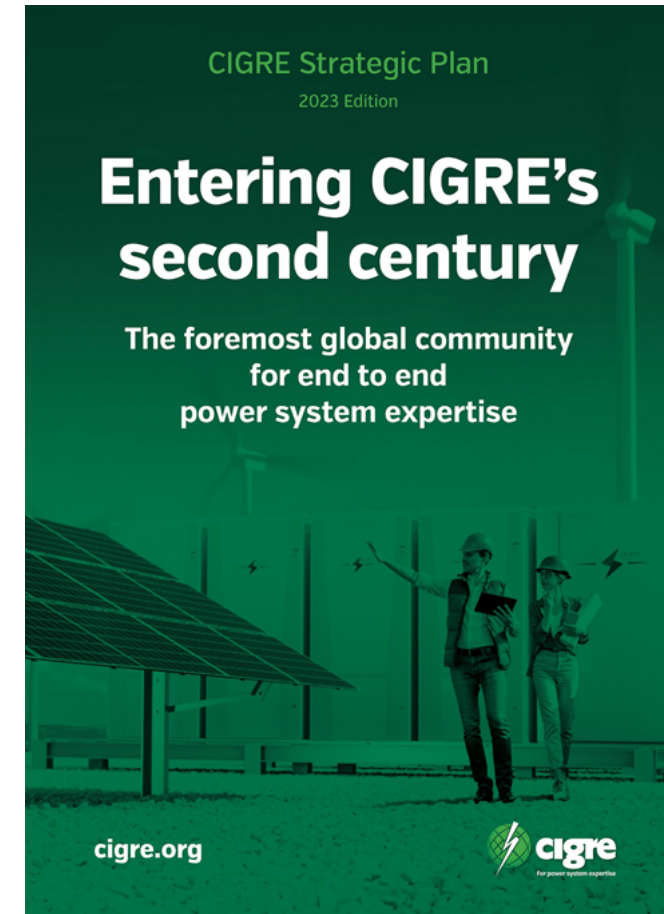
CIGRE strategic plan

CIGRE has proposed this 2023 revision for its Strategic Plan with a horizon of 2030, to ensure our leadership for power system expertise for our stakeholders, and for society's needs for electricity.

CIGRE's goals will continue to be:

- Facilitating and developing the exchange of engineering and electricity market knowledge and information on power systems.
- Adding value to knowledge and information exchanges by synthesizing state-of-the-art and global best practices.
- Contributing to the promotion of social sustainable development.
- Developing guidelines and information to aid the emergence of new technologies and techniques.
- Fostering growth and development opportunities for the future workforce needed for the energy transition.
- Growing membership and member services to fulfill our Purpose, Vision, Mission, and Values.

CIGRE 2023 Strategic Plan & Horizon 2030: Entering our Second Century with Renewed Vision



<https://www.cigre.org/GB/about/official-documents>

Purpose, mission, vision & values

- **Our Purpose** - Enable sustainable electricity for all through the development of power system expertise globally.
- **Our Mission** - Contribute to the betterment of power systems and electricity by enhancing the community of power system expertise.
- **Our Vision** - The leading, most authoritative, and innovative, global community for the sharing and development of electric power system expertise.
- **Our Values** - Impartiality, Accessibility, Transparency, Making a Difference, Advancement, Cooperation, Integrity, Adaptability, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Strategic Themes

- **Influence and Contribute** – Providing key information for innovation and policy direction, and standards development to executives, regulators, government agencies, policy makers, innovators, and engineers.
- **Vibrant and Inclusive** – Excellent Central Office services and enabling National Committee growth and participation.
- **The Electricity Future** – Understand and influence the development of new technology and practices, including sustainability and governance aspects.
- **People and Skills of the Future** – Increase participation and skills for our growing membership and improve the diversity of our membership to enhance our relevance in addressing the electric power systems of the future across the globe.

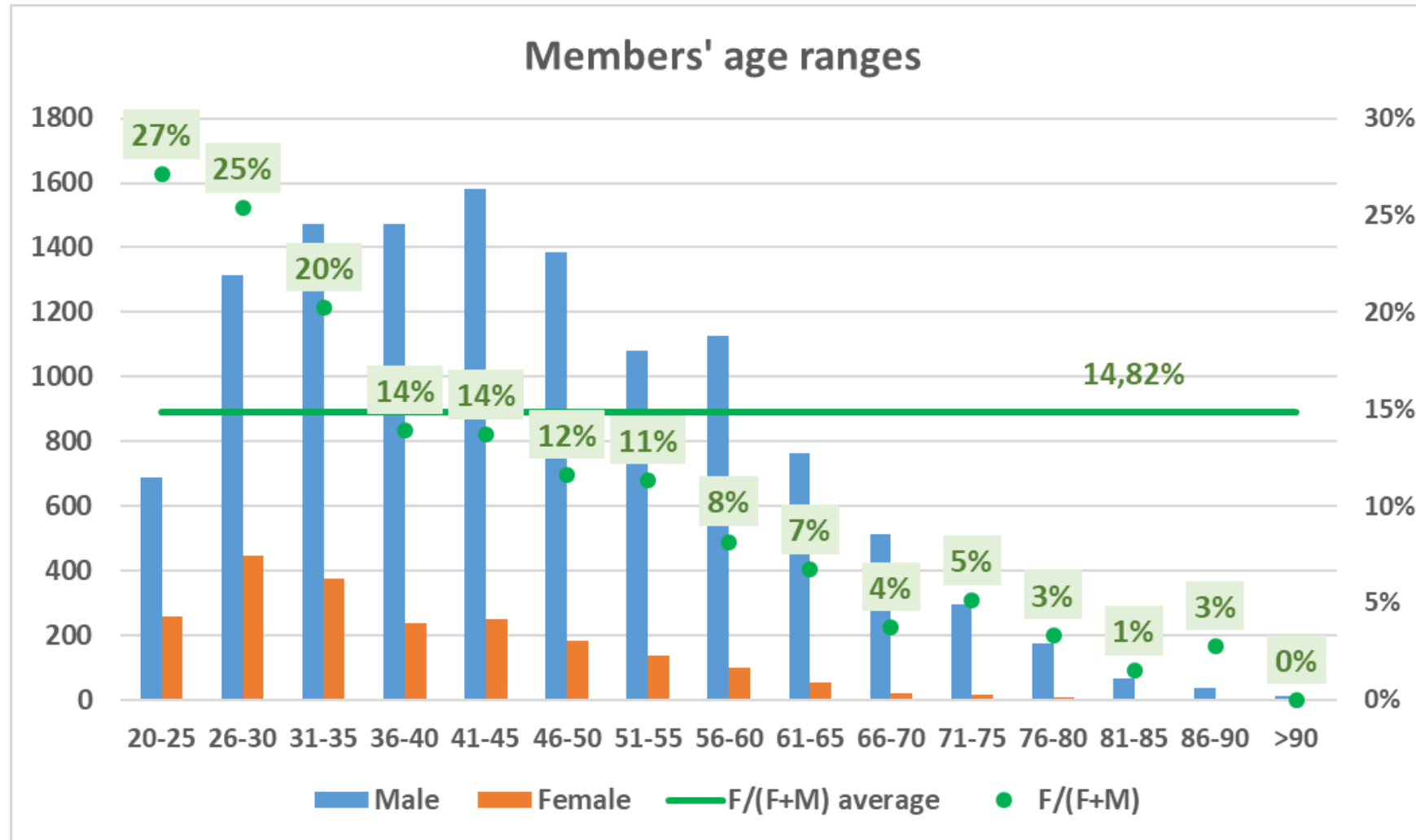
Key Goals & Metrics

- CIGRE will advance as a power system expertise organization
- Membership will grow to between 30,000 and 35,000 members
- Grow membership worldwide
- Next Generation Network (NGN) and Women in Energy (WiE) are key elements
- Demonstrate on our CIGRE website and in promotional material the energy transition changes
- Membership will grow in diversity
- Improve our communication with academics
- Establish a cooperation agreement with the International Energy Agency
- Sustain the biennial Paris Session, growing to 5000 delegates with over 1000 papers (Scopus indexed)
- Develop greater diversity in energy sectors and new entrants in support of the energy transition
- Develop and monitor the new products and technologies
- Develop cash reserves needed for contingencies

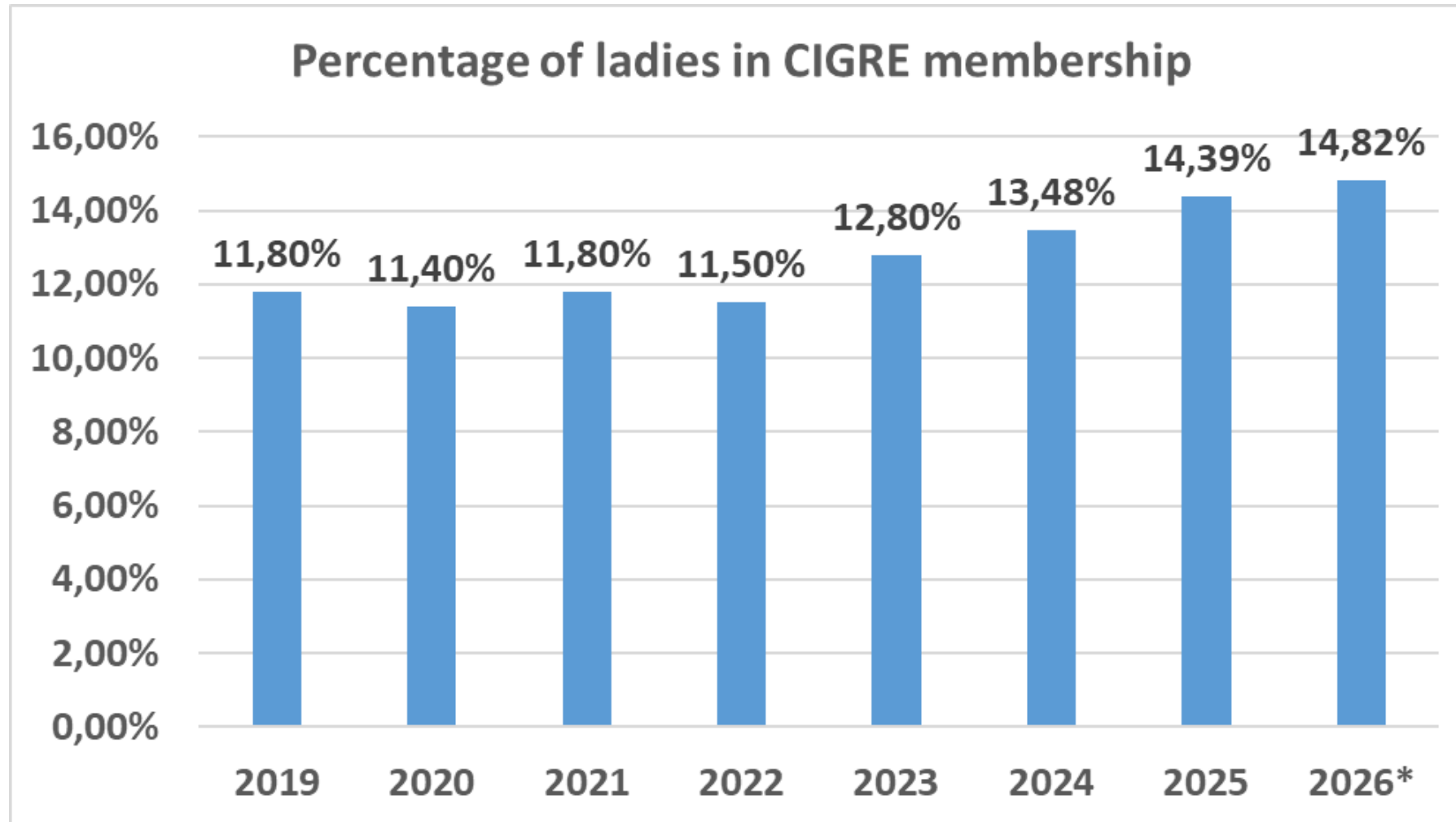
CIGRE figures focused on ladies participation

- CIGRE individual members
- CIGRE Working Group members
- CIGRE governing bodies

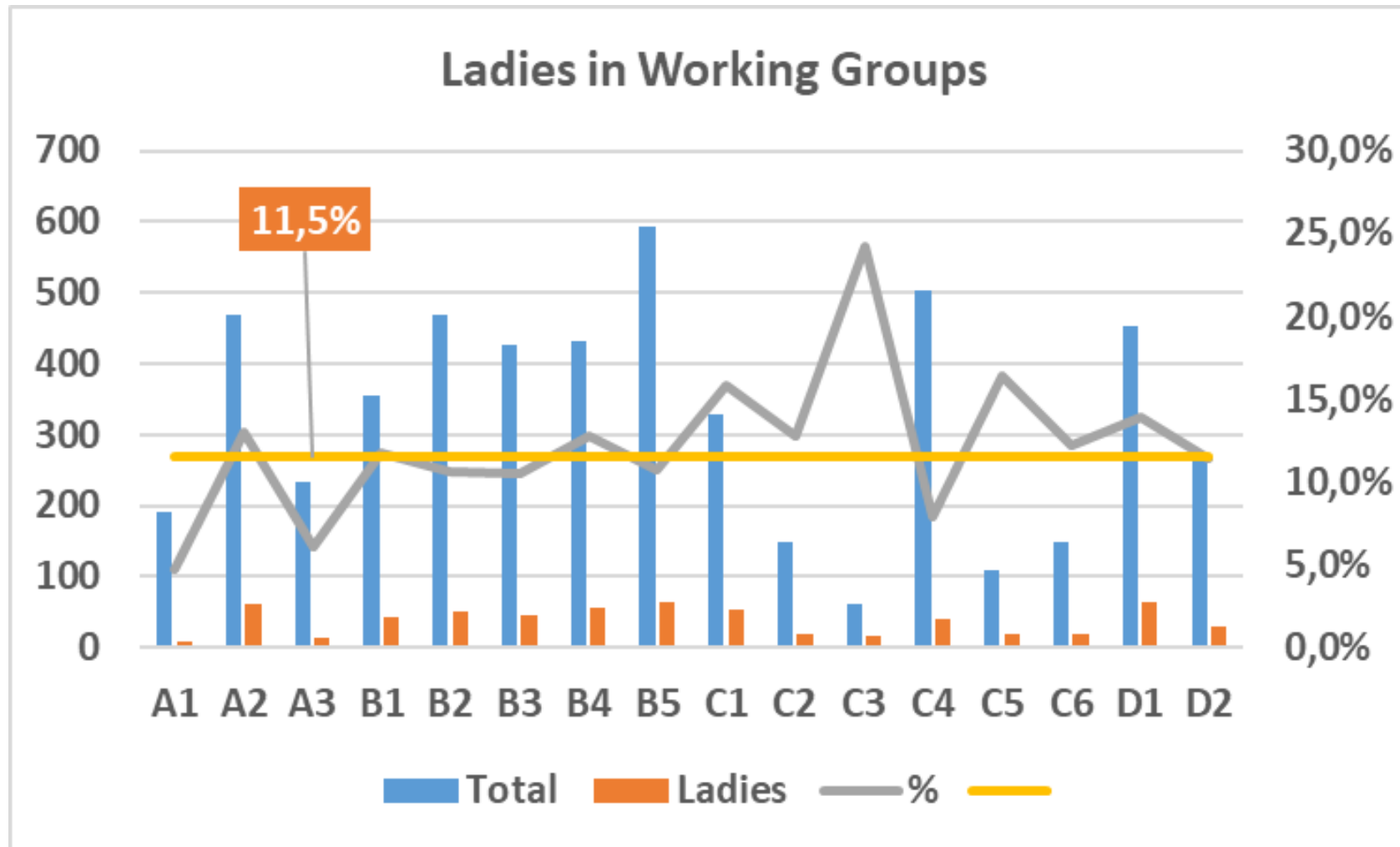
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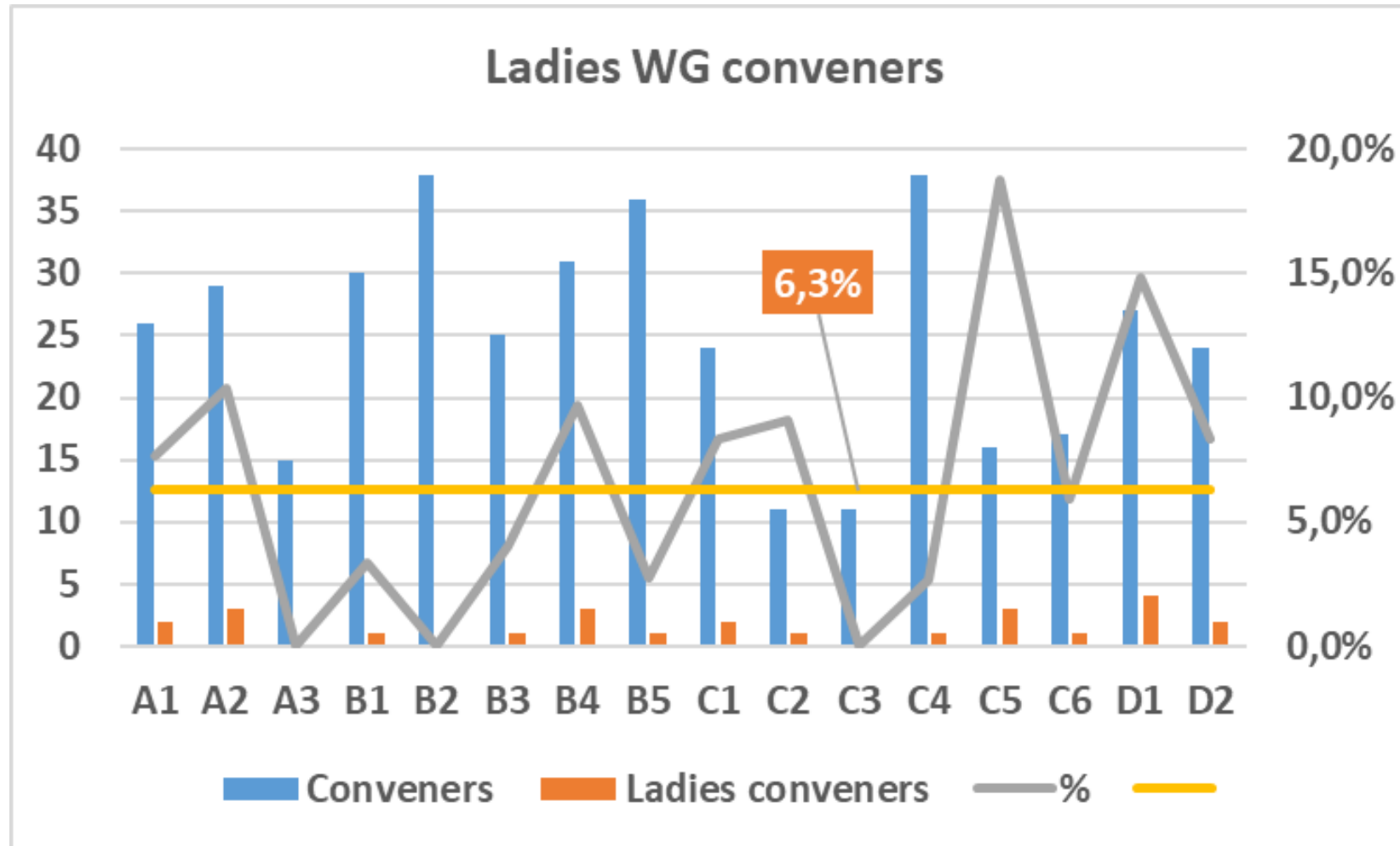
CIGRE individual members



CIGRE Working Group members



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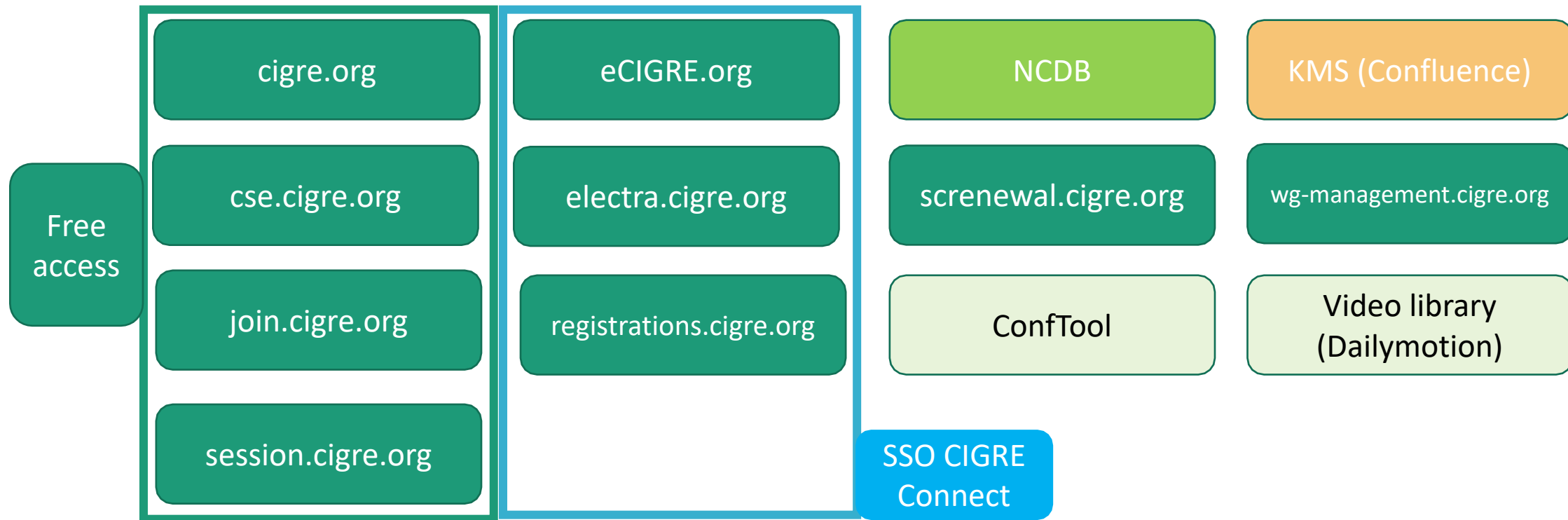


CIGRE governing bodies

- **Leadership team:** 1/4
- **Administrative Council**
 - 2024-2026 : 5/70
 - 2026-2028 : 6/70
- **Steering Committee**
 - 2024-2026 : 3/19
 - 2026-2028 : elections on Tuesday
- **Technical Council :**
 - 2024-2026: 5/20 (TC Chair, B4, C2, C3, C4)
 - 2026-2028: 6/20 (TC Chair, B1, C1, C2, C3, C4)

CIGRE digital re-invent

- CIGRE information system



CIGRE digital re-invent

- Future developments

AI agent for eCIGRE

New cigre.org

Deploy renewal in
join.cigre.org

Digital Technical
Brochures

AI agent for paper
review

Integration of NCDB
in eCIGRE CRM

Automate accounting
operations

- Other projects

Audit of CIGRE IT

Technical Innovations

Rannveig Loken
CIGRE Vice President Technical



CIGRE Technical Council



All within four groups and 16
Domains of work, **spanning all
aspects** of the power system



Key topics discussed in Study Committees



- SF6 replacement and alternatives (SC A3, B3 and D1)
- Grid forming Technologies and Control in Modern Power Systems (SC B4 and C4)
- Large Inverter-Based Loads (SC C1, C2 and C4)
- Retail electricity market (SC C5)
- Wide Area EMT Simulations for Stability Analysis (SC C4)
- Overvoltage testing of VSC HVDC cable systems (SC B4 and B1)



Working Groups and tutorial



- More than 260 Working groups in CIGRE
- Selections of Tutorial, total of 16:
 - Digital twins for power transformers - Concept and future perspectives (SC A2)
 - The advancement of Protection Automation and Control System architectures with focus on process bus implementation and virtualization of protection IEDs (SC B5)
 - Ecodesign methods for the power system (SC C3)
 - Latest developments of test methods for polymeric insulating materials under high-voltage outdoor conditions (SC D1)



Engage in the Study Committees



Member of Working Group (WG)

- Secretary
- Convenor

Study Committee representative

- National committee
- **Women In Energy (WiE)**
- Next Generation Network (NGN)



Cooperation between CIGRE and IEEE PES



- Joint Working Group (JWG)- CIGRE and IEEE PES
- Joint Task Force – CIGRE and IEEE PES
- Joint conference –SGSMA 2026 (Smart Grid Synchronizes Measurements and Analytics)



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CIGRE One Grid

Nenad Uzelac, Biljana Stojkovska, Biljana Sovilj

OneGrid



Dr. Biljana Stojkovska
OneGrid WiE lead



Biljana Sovilj
OneGrid secretary



Nenad Uzelac
OneGrid convener

Mélanie Pigeon (Hydro Quebec) and Lise Laforce (Opal RT)

Leading with Impact in Energy Security

The Power of Inclusion –The Future of Energy Driven by All



Mélanie PIGEON

**Senior Director, Engineering and
Standardization, Hydro Quebec**

**Executive sponsor of Hydro-Québec's
Women Engineers Network**



A generational engineering challenge



Rising expectations across every front

Support electrification

Maintain reliability

Modernize the grid

Integrate new technologies

Deliver major projects

Preserve safety, affordability and resilience

**The question is not only
“what technology do we
need?”**

It is also: “what kind of teams and
leadership will help us meet this
moment?”

Diversity is a performance advantage



We meet complex challenges with teams that bring different experiences, perspectives and ways of thinking to the table.

See risks earlier

Different viewpoints help reveal blind spots before they become problems.

Make stronger decisions

Better questions create better trade-offs and more resilient choices.

Innovate faster

When voices converge, new solutions emerge and ideas become action.

**Diversity is not simply representation.
It is a must to lead with impact.**

Leading with impact: three commitments



1. Create space for talent

Recognize potential that is not always seen, heard or used. Open doors and make room for ideas to come forward.

Action: support someone's voice in a meeting.

2. Build leadership together

No one succeeds alone. Many of us advanced because someone trusted, encouraged or challenged us.

Action: do not only mentor talent. Sponsor it.

3. Turn inclusion into action

Demonstrate inclusion through team design, opportunity assignment, listening and decisions.

Action: give women visibility on important projects.

Visible. Concrete. Consistent.

No one becomes a strong leader alone



At different moments, someone opens a door, says our name in the right room, or gives us confidence before we feel fully ready.

Mentorship helps people grow

Guidance, advice, feedback and encouragement.

Sponsorship helps people be seen

Advocacy, visibility, trust and real opportunities.

**Confidence often
comes after action, not
before.**

**Lift others as we rise.
The strongest leaders help others climb.**

Make this network count



Networks like this help us keep our promise to support and lift each other.

Connect

Build relationships that outlast the event.

Learn

Share practices, questions and experience.

Sponsor

Say someone's name when opportunities are discussed.

Include

Invite different voices into important conversations.

**Seize this moment
and make it count.**

**That is how we lead with
great impact.
Thank you.**

Could a Sustainable Development Framework Strengthen Energy Security?



Lise Laforce

Co-founder

OPAL-RT Technologies

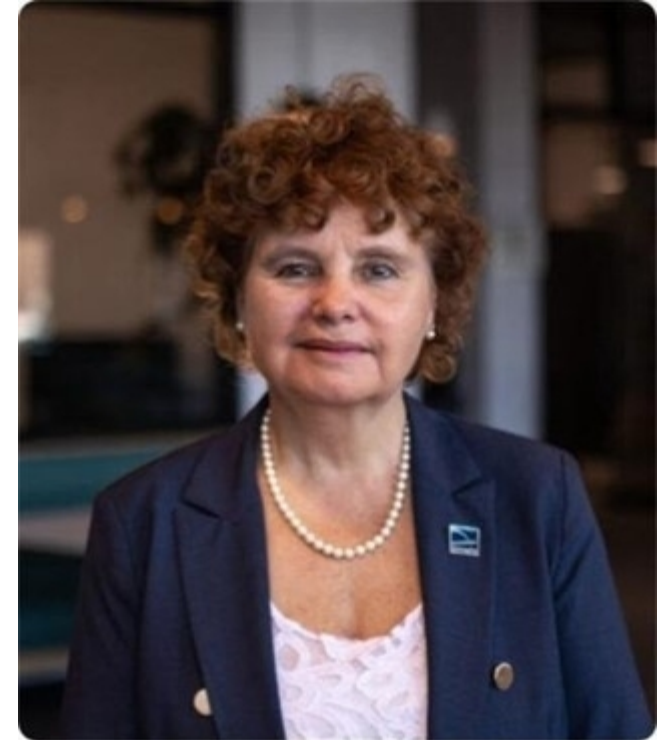


OPAL-RT
TECHNOLOGIES



OPAL
DDD

Démocratisation
Développement
Durable



WHAT IS ENERGY SECURITY

Energy security ➡ enough reliable & affordable energy,
➡ with less vulnerability to external disruptions

Energy security is not automatically sustainable

- Need coal, oil or natural gas for short term = conflict with SD

But short-term security must not create long-term insecurity

- We cannot solve today's energy risks by increasing tomorrow's environmental risks

Let's not repeat the same fundamental mistake:

- We acted like Earth exists simply to meet our short term needs

How did that happened? Here is my interpretation.

The Great Human Misconception

Imagine looking down at Earth from the stratosphere

We can see that we are ONE humanity, living on ONE planet, while depleting our planet's natural resources. We came to believe that:

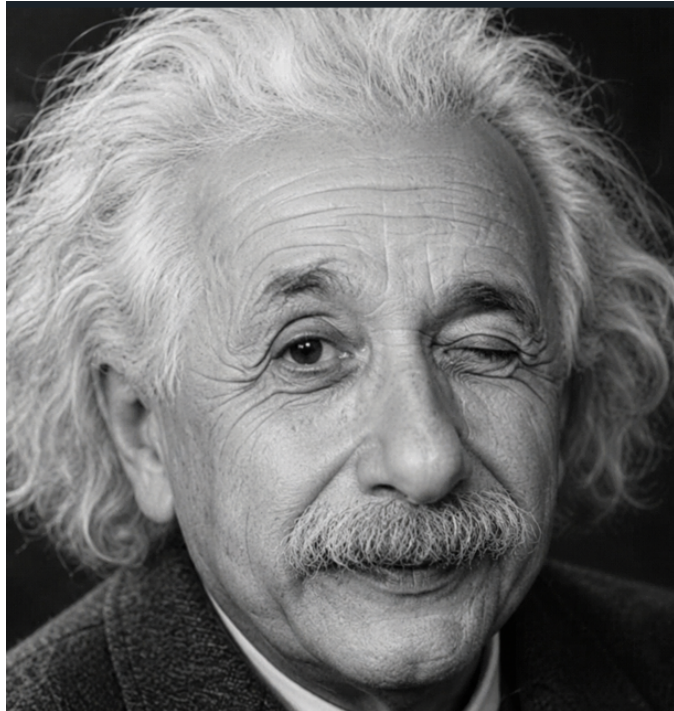


- The Earth belongs to us
- The Earth should obey us
- We dominate the Earth

I call this the Great Human Misconception

**We are temporary custodians of the Earth,
with a duty to protect our common home**

Earth is our only home



She carries the weight of our excesses

For millennia, humanity has fought for land, power and resources.

But this strategy is causing us to lose what is most precious to us: our home

“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” Albert Einstein

Inherited

Systems that powered modern life

Transforming

Choices that must change now

Giving

A livable future for others

WE ARE COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS ON EARTH

Why sustainable development matters for energy security?

BECAUSE energy cannot be secure in the long term without sustainability

Economic resilience

Affordable, reliable energy for businesses and communities.

Social stability

Public trust, fairness, health, and community acceptance.

Environmental viability

Climate stability, water availability, and natural resources.

AI data centers → demand surge → electricity prices → communities → water → emissions → resilience

Energy security is not only about delivering electricity today.
It is about preserving our ability to deliver it tomorrow.

What is Sustainable Development ?

ONE FRAMEWORK TWO PERSPECTIVES

Even though countries and companies are committed, **CO₂ levels continue to rise.**

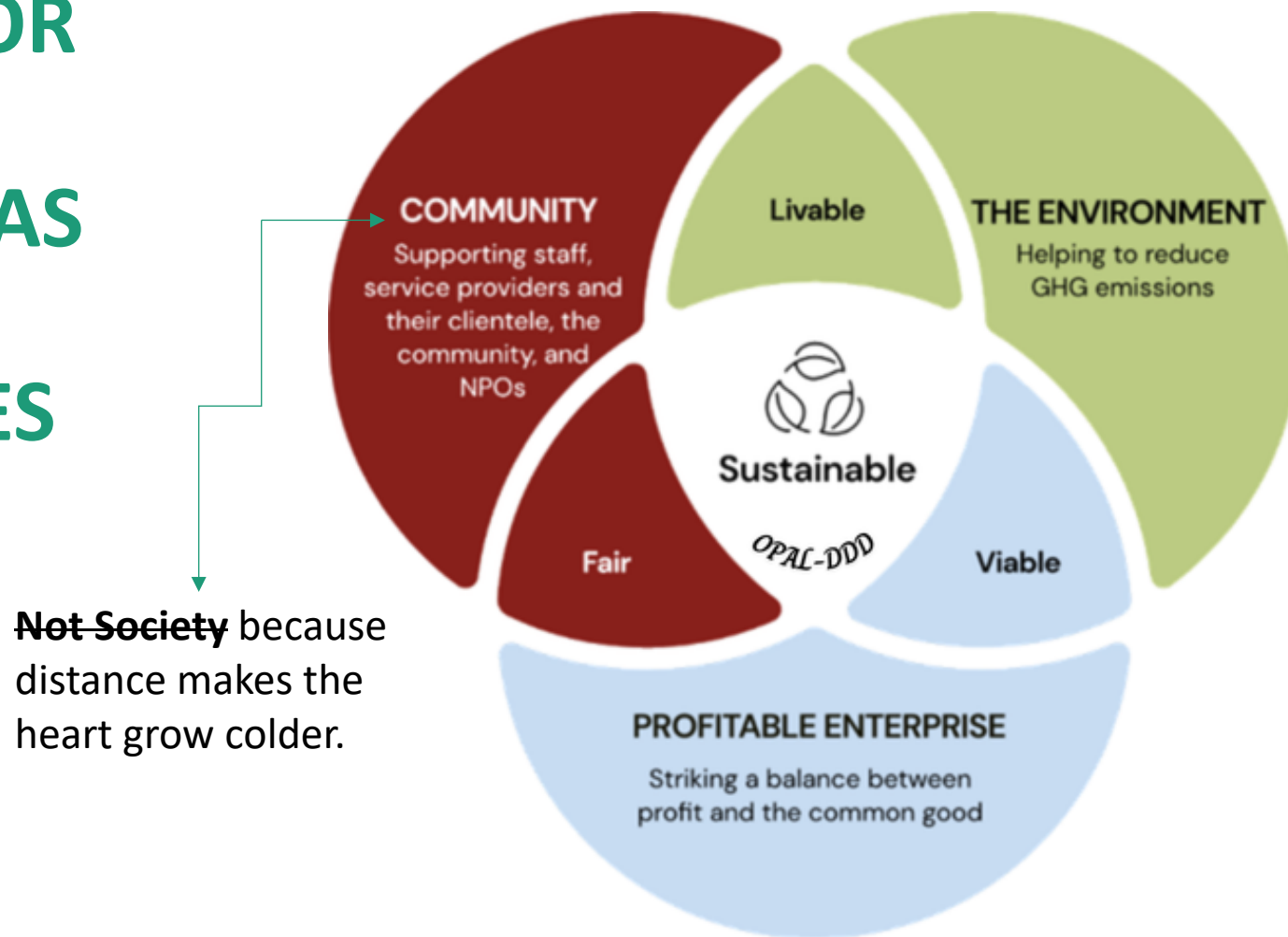
What if climate change is **not primarily a technological problem,**
but a
human decision-making problem ?

Does it all start with
the way we think?

40 YEARS AGO, A FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WAS PROPOSED WITH TWO PERSPECTIVES

**Personnal and
organizational
vision**

FIRST PERSPECTIVE



One very strong framework, first perspective



From childhood development, to adult decision-making, to organizational responsibility, the same balance principle applies.

***This framework transcends cultural boundaries and generations.
It is simple common sense!***



INDIVIDUAL / CHILD

Care begins young
Care for self, others, and environment.



ADULT / PERSONAL LIFE

Balance daily choices
Balance career, family, and social impact.



ORGANIZATION / BUSINESS

Scale responsibility
Balance profit, society, and environmental responsibility.

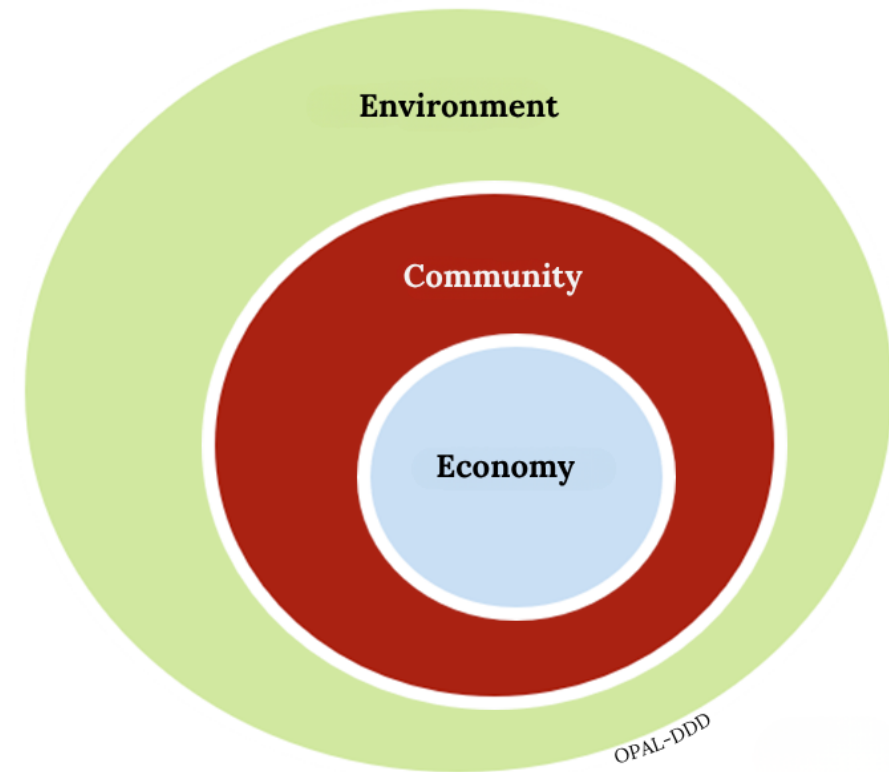
One framework, second perspective



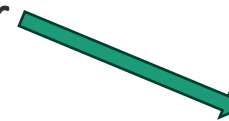
The Systemic Vision

Two sides of the same coin

- ❑ Economy creates value, but depends on people, trust, skills, communities and Earth's resources.
- ❑ Society depends on Earth's resources, climate stability and living systems.
- ❑ Energy choices connect all three layers every day, in every community.
- ❑ Sustainable Development gives us the framework to make those decisions sustainable



Our most powerful lever



No environment → No community → No economy

OPAL-RT Organization Perspective



Because we believe this SD framework is very strong, here is how we decided to apply it:

Creation of OPAL-DDD (non-profit organisation for sustainable development)

- ▶ We started by complementing our values of performance, speed, profitability, and competition with
 - ▶ **Kindness** creates Belonging
 - ▶ **Belonging** nurtures Benevolence
 - ▶ **Benevolence** inspires reflection, broadens our vision and leads to Courage
 - ▶ **Courage** guides us to make right decisions for all, and leads to Collaboration
 - ▶ **Collaboration** allows us to achieve what none of us can accomplish alone.

OPAL-DDD: Turning Sustainable Development into actions

We realized that if we wanted to promote Sustainable Development, we first had to be willing to change ourselves.

 Inspired OPAL-RT to dedicate 1.5% of its profits to community (seniors, youth, food security, and environment)

 Inspired OPAL-RT to pay Volunteer Day for every employee

 Organized Well-being programs for underserved schools

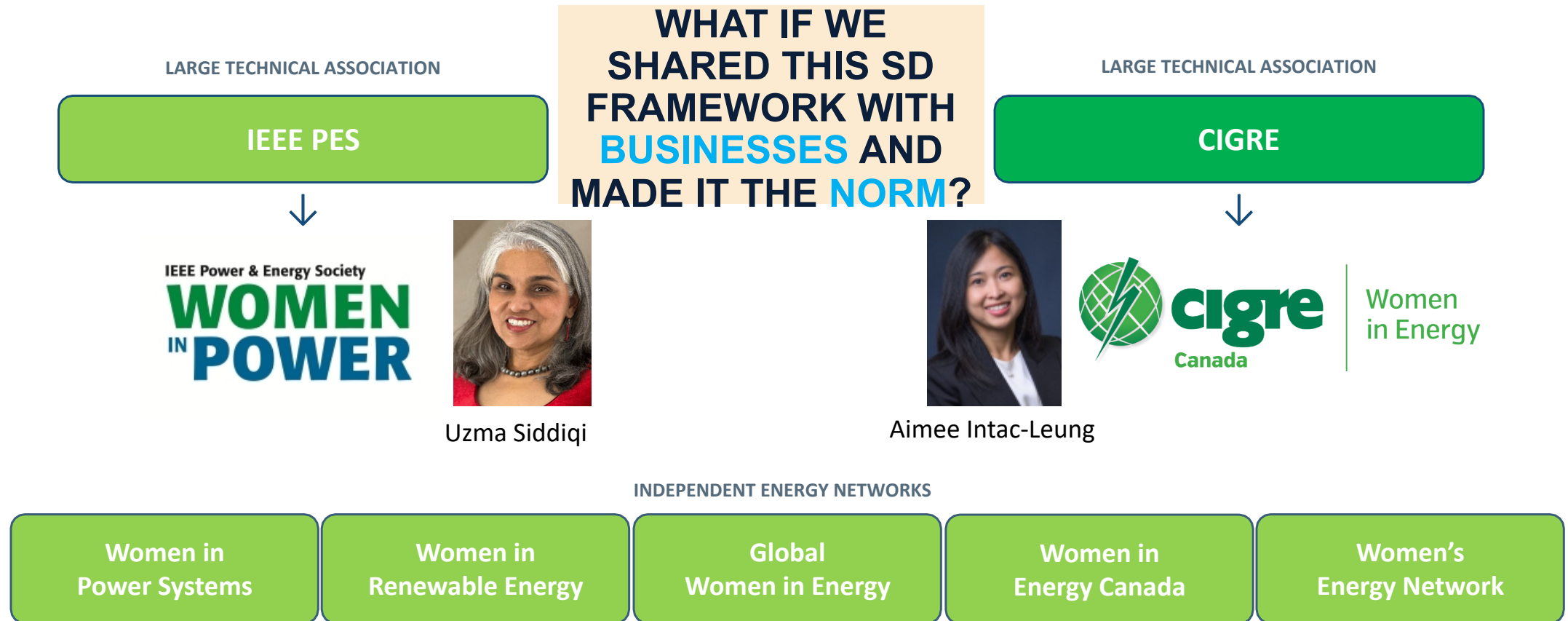
 Organized Employment support for food bank users

 Award student grants to support projects advancing the integration of renewable energy.

 Offer Sustainable Development workshops for organizations

But we realized that we could have greater impact if we were able to develop a community of interests

LET'S UNITE WE ARE NOT STARTING FROM SCRATCH



Different networks. Different technologies. One shared responsibility.

No organization can transform the energy system alone. Together, we can become a movement

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

- The future will not be decided by technology alone. It will be decided by the choices humanity makes
- **Let's unite around the Sustainable Development Framework**
- **We want to hear from you**
How are you integrating sustainable development into your organizations ?

Continue the Conversation
Register for the Follow-Up Meeting



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Développement
Durable

Questions and Answers – Interaction



Carla Damasceno and Ruomei Li



Carla Damasceno (SC B1)



**Ruomei Li (China):
Special Commentator**

Ph.D., University of Bath, UK

CIGRE Honorary Member

1st Chair CIGRE Women in Engineering

1st Chair/Co-Chair IEEE PES Women in Power Chair

QUESTION 1



What is the most important factor to accelerate Women's engagement in the Energy Transition?

- ☐ Women in policy making
- ☐ Inclusive culture
- ☐ Leadership and capacity building
- ☐ Mentoring
- ☐ Sponsorship



QUESTION 2



What is today the biggest barrier to Women's advancement in energy leadership?

- ☐ Lack of opportunities in critical technical roles
- ☐ Limited opportunities into leadership roles
- ☐ Organizational culture and bias
- ☐ Work-life structure constraints
- ☐ Few visible role models in policy making



QUESTION 3



**In your opinion which action
would have the greatest impact in the next 4 years?**

- ☐ Women in policy making
- ☐ Expand mentoring and sponsorship programs
- ☐ Set measurable diversity targets
- ☐ Engage girls earlier in STEM and energy careers
- ☐ Increase women's participation in innovation and energy transition projects



QUESTION 4



Who should take the greatest responsibility for accelerating change?

- ☐ Companies / Utilities
- ☐ Leaders / Managers
- ☐ Governments / Policymakers
- ☐ Academia / Educational institutions
- ☐ All



QUESTION 5



What action will you take in the next 12 months to support Women in the Energy Transition?

- ☐ Mentor one woman engineer and other professionals
- ☐ Recommend women speakers
- ☐ Support equitable hiring
- ☐ Open opportunities in Study Committees & Working Groups
- ☐ Support project proposals for CIGRE fund



Now we have an honour to invite Dr. Ruomei Lee
to discuss the Q&A results



Your ideas and
engagement are very
important for CIGRE!



Tina Chou (SC C2)

Poster Session – World Cafe



World Café

First launched at the CIGRE 2024 Paris Session, the WiE World Café was met with an enthusiastic response from the global community. Building on this success, we are delighted to continue this meaningful sharing initiative in 2026.

Held during the CIGRE 2026 Paris Session, the WiE World Café is a global showcase of the initiatives through which industry, utilities, and academia are advancing women's participation and diversity in the power and energy sector. Each poster tells the story of a National Committee: its goals, its people, and its progress. Visitors are invited to explore, connect, and exchange ideas with WiE representatives from around the world.

Powering the future, together.



New Chair and Vice-Chair 2026-2030

Women in Energy



Women in Engineering
2014-2022

Ruomei Li: first *Chair*



Women in Engineering
2018-2022

Dioka Khayakazi: second *Chair*



Women in Energy – WiE
2022 – 2026

Solange David: third *Chair*

WiE 2026-2030



**Arianna Guarneri - Chair
(Italy)**



**Manju Gupta – Vice-Chair
(India)**

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Pranvera Dobruna
(Kosovo)



Aimee Intac-Leung
(Canada and US)

CIGRE Endowment Fund



CIGRE is investing in innovation and expertise for the future of power systems. Introducing the **CIGRE Innovation & Education Fund**, a worldwide programme providing grants for research, scholarships and educational initiatives for the energy transition, and more.

Our goal

We will fund projects and programs to advance the global future for the energy transition and the emergence of electricity in every facet of society.

Supporting projects, programmes and knowledge that advance the power system for the future

The Funds scope includes research and development, graduate scholarships, educational initiatives, STEM engagement, and humanitarian actions aimed at enabling sustainable electricity for underserved communities.

Applications for grants

Applications for grants are handled by CIGRE's global network of National Committees. Grants for 2026 are available now, If you have a worthy proposal please contact your nearest National Committee by the end of June. If your country does not have a National Committee please feel free to contact a country suitable to your needs. All National Committees will consider applications from anywhere.

Contact : cigre-fund@cigre.org



Who will receive grants?

Research & Development
Projects and programs in electrical power systems and the energy transition.



Graduate Scholarships
Aligned with electrical power systems.



Supporting educational programmes
Supporting educational initiatives to grow power system skills and knowledge.

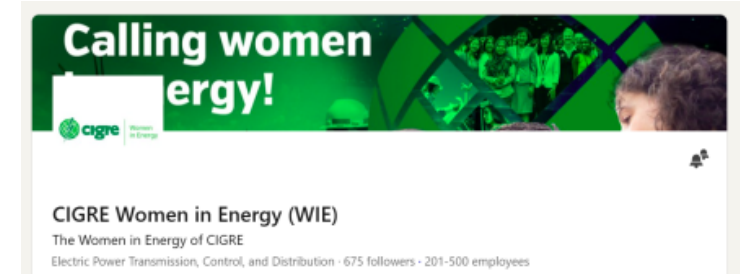


Humanitarian
Initiatives designed to enable sustainable electricity access for underserved communities



Next Steps

- Strengthen the structure of the international Network
 - Establishing official Roles
 - Increasing opportunities for dialogue and exchange among National Representatives
 - Social Media presence and communication
 - <https://www.cigre.org/GB/community/women-in-energy>
 - [linkedin.com/company/cigrewie/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cigrewie/)
- Further expand the WiE Network (currently 36 National WiE Networks out of 60 National Committees)
- Strengthen cooperation with Study Committees
- Enhance engagement and collaboration between each WiE Network and the collective members, who represent a key source of future individual members.



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Events

CIGRE Paris – Friday WiE TecStage

2026

Sept

- CIGRE Canada Energy Forum
- Kosovo Admin Council meeting

October

- CIGRE USNC Grid of the Future
- UK SSEN Glasgow

2027

April

- Symposium Heidelberg - Germany, Sweden, Denmark

September

- SC B5 Colloquium, WIE Canada

October

- A3 and B3 Colloquium Japan

November

- Technical Symposium Thailand

Design Once, Deliver Everywhere

Standardisation Across Complex Networks & Resilience - Taking Learning From Ocean Racers

Thursday 22nd October | 09:00 - 17:00 | SSEN Glasgow



2050

by Themesha Khan, Paris Session 2022



I had a vision
A vision of trees, abundantly nesting the
skies patrons
As the rusty sun dipped below the horizon.

I had a vision
A vision of rivers flowing unbashfully,
navigating the valleys' meanders
As the forest friends dipped their heads to
quench their thirst.

I had a vision
A vision of children playing
Playing without care, as children ought to
Taking heart in the certainty that their
future was bright.

It's 2050, and I am in awe at how this
vision is not only a reality,
But a beautiful home we have gifted to our
next generations.

The dream of possibility has become a
reality
Through leaving no sacrificial lambs
behind.



In unison, not as a company, not as a
country,
Not even as a continent,
But as a human race

We strove towards an ambitious hope of
sustaining our home for tomorrow.

And now tomorrow is here
The journey has been arduous
It has felt stripped of successes' promise at
every turn
But we have reached 2050

And 2050 has reached out to us

Through our united vision
Through our sincere and honourable intent
Through our commitment to bearing
fruition to our innovative ideas
Through ensuring that nobody be left
behind and safeguarding everyone in the
journey

We have reached a 2050
With the promise of a 2100





Thank you all!

