There are too few women working in clean energy for the sector to realize its full potential. Women are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, which are prominent pathways into energy careers. Women are underrepresented at energy industry conferences and on corporate boards; it is not unusual to see panels and boardrooms composed entirely of men.

The Clean Energy Education and Empowerment (C3E) initiative was launched to reflect a shared commitment among Clean Energy Ministerial partner governments to advance women’s leadership in the clean energy field, where their perspectives and contributions are too often absent. The partners recognized that it is to each country’s economic and social benefit to harness all talent in driving the clean energy revolution forward.

One way C3E works to shift the status quo is by naming accomplished, senior women as C3E Ambassadors to leverage their power as role models. CEM partner governments have been invited to nominate C3E Ambassadors from their countries to be part of an International C3E Ambassador Corps. Nominees to date are listed in the following pages. The list of Ambassadors will expand as new members are nominated.
International C3E Ambassadors

Fatima Al-Foora Al Shamsi, Assistant Undersecretary, Electricity, Clean Energy, and Desalination of Water, Ministry of Energy, United Arab Emirates

Heli Antila, Chief Technology Officer, Fortum Oyj, Finland

Céline Bak, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Analytica Advisors, Canada

Sally Benson, Co-Director, Precourt Institute for Energy, and Director, Global Climate and Energy Project, Stanford University, United States

Martha Broad, Executive Director, MIT Energy Initiative, United States

Marilyn Brown, Professor, School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology, United States

Kateri Callahan, President, Alliance to Save Energy, United States

Ping Chen, Professor and Division Head, Hydrogen Energy and Advanced Materials, Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Amy Chiang, Vice President, Energy and the Environment, Global Government Relations, Honeywell, United States

Karen Conover, Vice President and Senior Technical Advisor, DNV GL, United States

Karina Edmonds, Executive Director for Corporate Partnerships, California Institute of Technology, United States

Christine Ervin, Principal, Christine Ervin/Company, United States
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Amy Francetic, Senior Vice President, New Ventures and Corporate Affairs, Invenergy, United States

Lisa Frantzis, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development, Advanced Energy Economy, United States

Deb Frodl, Global Executive Director, Ecomagination, General Electric, United States

Bobi A. Garrett, Chief Operating Officer, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, United States

Dian M. Grueneich, Senior Research Scholar, Precourt Energy Efficiency Center, Stanford University, United States

Katherine Hamilton, Co-Founder and Principal, 38 North Solutions, United States

Satu Helynen, Vice President, Operations, Smart Industry and Energy Systems, VTT Technical Research Centre Ltd, Finland

Colette Honorable, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, United States

Britt Ide, President, Ide Energy & Strategy, United States

Kristina Johnson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Cube Hydro Partners, LLC, United States

Barbara Kates-Garnick, Professor of Practice, Center for International Environment and Resource Policy, Fletcher, Tufts, United States

Claudia Kemfert, Department Head, Energy, Transportation, and Environment, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Germany
Melanie Kenderdine, Energy Counselor to the Secretary and Director, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, U.S. Department of Energy, United States

Nancy Kete, Independent Consultant, Resilience, Adaptation, and Transformation, United States

Silvie Kreibiehl, Head of Frankfurt School – UN Environment Programme Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Germany

Marie-Hélène Labrie, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs and Communications, Enerkem, Canada

Constance Lau, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., United States

Meshayel Omran Lehssoni, Director, Clean Energy and Climate Change, UAE Ministry of Energy, United Arab Emirates

Elin Löfblad, Head, OX2 Distributed Energy, Sweden

Joan MacNaughton, Executive Chair, World Energy Trilemma for the World Energy Council, United Kingdom

Robert Marlay, Director, Office of International Science & Technology Collaboration, U.S. Department of Energy, United States

Rose McKinney-James, Managing Principal, Energy Works; McKinney-James & Associates, United States

Sydney McNiff Johnson, Senior Advisor, Global Energy Practice, Dentons, United States

Lourdes Melgar, Deputy Secretary, Energy for Hydrocarbons, Mexico

Ellen Morris, Energy and Environment Faculty, Columbia University, and President, Sustainable Energy Solutions, United States
Mari Pantsar-Kallio, Director, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, Finland

Susan Petty, President and Chief Technology Officer, AltaRock Energy, Inc., United States

Nancy Pfund, Founder and Managing Partner, DBL Partners, United States

Maxine Savitz, Vice Chair, President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, United States

Kim Saylors-Laster, Executive Vice President and Chief Procurement Officer, Black Bear Energy, Inc., United States

Christine Eibs Singer, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, United Nations, United States

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