# PUBLIC PROCUREMENT & GENDER



## Our vision

Women and men have equal and equitable access to and control over sustainable energy services as an essential right to development





# 1. Gender & PP: Why

- Gender employment & entrepreneurship
  gap
- Specificities of women-run businesses
- Positive impacts of wider female inclusion
- The key roles of governments
  As buyers
  - As decision-makers





## 2. Barriers



### Access to information

PP process design

Requirements & qualifications

Payment practices

**Business capacities** 

Gender-specific barriers



# 3. Overcoming Barriers

#### **Guiding Principles**

### Level-Playing Field

#### Best Practices (some examples)

#### 1. Non discrimination

- 2. Transparency
- 3. Equal
- treatment
- 4. Proportionality

- Compliance
- Affirmative actions
- Capacity-building of women-run businesses

- Multiple, smaller lots vs one large procurement notice
- Leverage intermediaries
- Helpdesks, contact pax
- Briefing & debriefing sessions
- Simplify bidding processes
- Payments behaviours
- Focus not on low price alone

### Thank you

