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Millions of women live without electricity and clean cooking solutions. Achieving universal energy access is unlikely unless national energy policies are aligned with women’s and men’s energy needs, their assets, skills, limitations and capabilities and existing gender norms. Energy sector is experiencing a fundamental shift towards decarbonized energy systems and decentralized renewable energy will play a central role in meeting universal energy goals, especially in the off-grid areas. One approach to ensure energy access for all is to promote women as entrepreneurs, especially at the “last mile” level.