



National Stakeholder Consultation on Gender issues, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Poverty alleviation for Commission for Sustainable Development CSD 14

Background

CSD provides the most inclusive high level forum that forges international discussions and political consensus on priority actions about energy's role in sustainable development. This year the four major themes of CSD are: Energy for Sustainable Development; Industrial Development; Industrial Development; Air pollution/Atmosphere and Climate Change.

As the preparatory processes to CSD 14, ENERGIA (The International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy) is working to expand its advocacy, lobbying and outreach efforts by facilitating increased participation in the work of the CSD by representatives from developing countries.

Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) along with All India Women's Conference (AIWC) is organizing a national consultation, as a contribution to the development of national network's planning for CSD 14 and emphasizing the inclusion of gender considerations within the discussion on energy for sustainable development.

Objectives

The objective of this consultation is to identify issues of importance regarding India's implementation of the Millennium Development Goals; especially on how incorporating gender considerations into energy projects and policies could contribute to sustainable development. In particular, the consultation would highlight:

- Relevant trends, constraints, challenges and emerging issues on gender and energy nexus
- The barriers or concerns towards achieving the MDGs on energy
- The best practices available in the country
- Policy recommendations for including gender into energy policy considerations

Expected Results

The consultation would result in the following:

- Key Energy, MDG, Gender and poverty alleviation issues will be identified
- Official National energy Policies and implementation
- Suggestions for the above issues to reflect in the national statement
- Recommendation for National level actions focused on participation of women and gender equity, in energy planning policies and decision-making process will be formulated
- Recommendations linked to achievement of national development and the Millennium Development Goals
- The draft report will be discussed with the stakeholders

Participants

The participants will be all stakeholders including high level policy makers, senior bureaucrats from the Planning Commission and relevant ministries like Ministry of Non Conventional Energy Sources (MNES), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Department of Women and Child Development, Science and Technology, Health etc, concerned ministers, NGO's working in Gender and Energy and Members of Parliament and others.

