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## Modern Energy Cooking Services



# Nepal Electric Cooking Outreach National Workshop

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MECS ECO Workshop Agenda 8.30 to 17.00 NPT, 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		
8.30-9.15	Breakfast and Registration	
9.15-9.30	Introduction to programme and workshop objectives - Mohan Das Manandhar	
9.30-9.55	MECS Electric Cooking Outreach (ECO) in Nepal research overview: Key findings.	Pooja Sharma, Practical Action Consulting (PAC)
9.55-10.20	Factors affecting the adoption of electric cooking devices in a community-based rural electrification entity (CREE).	Pooja Sharma, PAC & Dr. Ashma Vaidya, Ajummary Bikas Foundation
10.20-10.45	Efficient electric cooking market uptake in Nepal: eCooking in low-income communities.	Govinda Khanal, Winrock International
10.45-11.15	Tea/Coffee	
11.15-11.40	Electric Pressure Cooker adoption in urban and rural socio-economic and cultural contexts	Dr. Ashutosh Sharma & Saumya Vaish, IRADe
11.40-12.05	Understanding the suitability of electric pressure cookers in grid and off-grid households	Biraj Gautam, PEEDA
12.05-12.15	MECS global experiences	Richard Sieff, MECS
12.15-12.40	Q&A session for the MECS Nepal research projects	
12.40-12.50	Remarks from Dr. Madhusudan Adhikari, Executive Director-AEPC	
12.50-13.00	Remarks from Ram Chandra Dahal, Chairperson Mahankal RM	
13.00-13.10	Remarks from Chairperson Prof. Dr Surendra Labh Karna, Hon'ble Member NPC	
13.10-14.10	Lunch	
14.10-15.30	Six parallel group discussions on key themes identified by the MECS Nepal research which impact scale up of eCooking in Nepal. Tea/Coffee will be served during discussions.	
	<u>After Sales Services</u> What is required to establish critical eCooking after sales services such as repair and maintenance across the country?	<u>Promoting eCooking</u> What kind of marketing strategies and financial mechanisms might be needed to facilitate eCooking scale up? How do we best coordinate market based and subsidy based approaches?
	<u>Product standards</u> What is required to ensure quality eCooking appliances are readily available in the Nepali market in order to increase consumer confidence?	<u>Supply Side infrastructure</u> How to ensure and incentivise that the necessary domestic infrastructure requirements (e.g. wiring upgrades, 15Amp meter connections) for eCooking are in place?
		<u>Reaching the last mile</u> What is required to enable rural, low-income, and marginalised households to access eCooking?
		<u>Coordinating Activities</u> How can we effectively coordinate the activities of the many stakeholder working in electric cooking in Nepal and avoid duplication?
15.30-16.00	Panel Discussion: What is needed to support scale up of eCooking in Nepal? Reflections from the group discussions.	Panellists: Group discussion representatives
16.00-16.30	Closing remarks and plans going forward - Richard Sieff MECS.	
16.30	Closing Remarks by Session Chair	

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