

Theme 3: The role of communities: Capacity building and GESI compatible strategies

Topic: The challenges of considering Gender Equity and Social Inclusion

Time: 11:00 – 12:30 Venue: Skyline Hall, Hotel Himalaya

Objectives of the session

To review the challenges faced in policy development and the dissemination of alternative energy models, particularly solar, in the region. This review will also aim to identify potential paths forward. It will include a discussion on general policy and methodological issues related to Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) and solar energy, as well as propose a conceptual model for future solar initiatives in South Asia.

We (M. Buchy, D. Karki and A. Konthoujam) are preparing a joint presentation where we will reflect on generic policy and methodology issues around GESI and Solar, as well as include a thought model for future solar work South Asia.

Moderator Dr Darshan Karki/Dr Marlene Buchy, IWMI

Presentation: Building capacity for GESI, but whose capacity?

Speaker: Dr. Marlene Buchy, IWMI Nepal and Ms. Angel Konthoujam, IWMI India

Panellists

- Ms. Shula Kasongamulilo, GESI and WASH expert, EU's Nexus Energy Water Programme, Zambia
- Dr. Bharat Pokharel, GREAT International, Nepal
- Dr. Seira Tamang, Independent Researcher & Political Economist, Nepal
- Ms. Shreya Chakraborty, Researcher, IWMI India Dr. Novaira Junaid, Economist, IWMI Pakistan
- Mr. William Ponela, CEO, Zonful Energy, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Md. Jahangir Alam Khan, Additional Chief Engineer, Barind Multipurpose Development Authority, Bangladesh (TBC)

Questions to the Panellists

We are planning to organise the session in an interactive way, ie we are not planning specific question to specific panellist at this stage; once the panel is confirmed we will contact each panellist and discuss their interest and angle and explain the modality of the panel which will also involve questions for the audience.

Session Custodian: Dr M. Buchy

Rapporteurs: Ms M. Pradhan