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INCEPTION MEETING

Solar Energy for Agricultural Resilience (SoLAR) Phase II

CHANCERY HALL, HOTEL PRIDE
PLAZA, AEROCITY, NEW DELHI, INDIA

AGENDA



09:30 –
10:00

REGISTRATION

Registration and networking

10:00 –
10:05

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

Ms. Divya Kashyap Sharma

Deputy Head of Cooperation, Swiss
Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

10:05 –
10:15

INAUGURATION

Workshop inauguration by watering a plant
Project Video – Phase 1 Glimpses

10:15 –
10:25

INUAGURAL ADDRESS

Ms. Maya Tissafi

Ambassador of Switzerland to India
and Bhutan

10:25 –
10:35

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Ms. Suman Chandra (IAS)

Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy,
Government of India

10:35 –
10:45

ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST

Prof. Ramesh Chand

Member, National Institution for
Transforming India (NITI Aayog)

10:45 –
10:55

MOU ANNOUNCEMENTS & LAUNCH OF SOLAREADY DASHBOARD

Dr. Alok Sikka

Country Representative- India and
Bangladesh/ Senior Fellow, IWMI

10:55 –
11:00

SESSION CLOSING

Dr. Vidhisha Samarasekara

Program Director- Water-Climate Change and Resilience,
IWMI

11:00 –
11:30



GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWED BY NETWORKING TEA BREAK



SESSION 1: PROJECT OVERVIEW AND PARTNER PERSPECTIVES

11:30–
11:35

SESSION OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Mirjam Macchi Howell

Head of the Climate, Disaster Risk
Reduction and Environment, SDC

11:35 –
11:45

LESSONS FROM PHASE 1, WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES, EXPECTED OUTCOMES & SOUTH-SOUTH COLLABORATION

Dr. Darshini Ravindranath

Project Lead, SoLAR & Senior Researcher, IWMI

Dr. Muluken Adamseged

Deputy Project Lead, SoLAR & Researcher, IWMI

11:45 –
11:50

REMARKS

Mr. PC Sharma

Joint Director
International Solar Alliance

11:50 –
11:55

REMARKS

Eng. Mohammad Sarwar Hossain

Additional Chief Engineer, Bangladesh
Agricultural Development Corporation

11:55 –
12:00

REMARKS

Eng. Vincent Kabuti

Irrigation Secretary - State
Department for Irrigation, Kenya



SESSION 2: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND WAY FORWARD

12:00 –
12:10

PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION

Ms. Tripti Agarwal
Project Coordinator, IWMI

12:10 –
13:00

COUNTRY SPECIFIC PLANNED APPROACH FOR IMPLEMENTATION

10 minutes presentation each by country lead followed by Q&A session
(Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India and Kenya)

13:00 –
14:00



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SESSION 3: STAKEHOLDER REFLECTIONS & STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

PANEL DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATIVE PATHWAYS FOR SCALING SOLAR ENERGY BY PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS IN PHASE 2

Moderator: Dr. Darshini Ravindranath, IWMI

Mr. Elias Awol

CEO-Smallholder Irrigation Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia

Mr. Monirul Islam

Deputy CEO and CFO, Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), Bangladesh [Virtual]

Dr. R K Singh

ADG Extension, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India

Mr. Frankline Kiptoo

Research Associate, Strathmore University [Virtual]

Mr. Bart Minsaer

Vice Chairman, Ethiopian Solar Energy Development Association (ESEDA)- [Virtual]

Dr. Shikha Anand

Senior Program Associate in the Energy Access Team at WRI India

14:00 –
15:00

15:00 –
15:15



TEA BREAK

GROUPS LEARNING

- Policy pathways
- Finance and sustainability
- Pilots & living labs
- Capacity building & South-south exchange

Moderator: Dr. Muluken Adamseged, IWMI

15:15 –
16:30

16:30 –
16:45

REFLECTIONS BY PARTICIPANTS

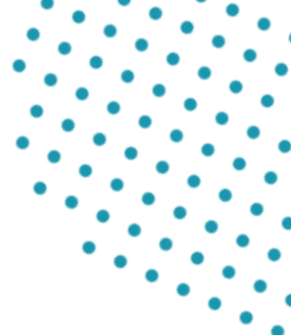
16:45 –
17:00

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Abdulkarim Seid

Country Representative- Ethiopia
IWMI





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