

National Dialogue on Solar for Irrigation in India

18 January 2018, 9:00 to 15:30 at the Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre

Lodhi Road, Near Airforce Bal Bharati School, New Delhi, Delhi 110003

Agenda

- 09:00 – 09:15 **Registration & Tea**
- 09:15 – 10:15 **Inaugural Session**
- **Welcome Address** by **Mr Abhishek Jain**, Senior Programme Lead, CEEW
 - **Opening Remarks** by **Mr Krishan Dhawan**, CEO, SSEF
 - **Special Address** by **Ms Marylaure Crettaz**, Head of Swiss Cooperation Office and Counsellor
 - **Keynote Address** by **Shri Amitabh Kant**, CEO, NITI Aayog
 - **Release of CEEW and SSEF reports**
 - **Presentations on Research Studies** by **CEEW & Dalberg**

10:15 – 10:45 **Tea Break**

10:45 – 11:45 **Panel Discussion on “Perspectives from the Last Mile: Challenges in Sustainable Deployment of Solar for Irrigation”**

Panelists:

- Mr Surajit Chkraborty, Project Coordinator, SwitchON
- Shri Khushi Ram Saini, Farmer from Bundi, Rajasthan
- Shri U K Sharma, Farmer, Vaishali Area Small Farmers Association
- Mr Vijay Viru, Representative, PRADAN

Moderator: Ms Shalu Agrawal, Research Associate, ISEP

11:45 – 13:15 **Panel Discussion on “Deployment Approaches for Solar for Irrigation – Achieving Social, Economic, and Environment Sustainability”**

Panelists:

- Mr Ashwin Gambhir, Fellow, Prayas (Energy Group)
- Dr Tushaar Shah, Senior Fellow, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- Mr Gaurav Kumar, Co-founder & Director, Claro Energy
- Mr Nilanjan Ghose, Senior Advisor, GIZ

Moderator: Dr Shirish Sinha, Deputy Director of Cooperation, SDC

13:15 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:15 **Panel Discussion on “Way Forward for Solar for Irrigation – Policy and Pathways towards Scaling Sustainable Deployment”**

Panelists:

- Mr Sanjeev Jain, Chief Engineer, CREDA
- Mr Manoj Kumar Rawat, CEO, Valuefin India
- Mr Amit Mukherjee, AGM, Shakti Pumps
- Mr Loken Das, DGM, FSPD, NABARD

Moderator: Mr Abhishek Jain, Senior Programme Lead, CEEW

15:15 – 15:30 **Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks**