

Conference on
“Distributed Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development”
Venue- The Ashok Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
Date-27th February 2024
Draft Agenda

Time	Activity
10:30	Arrival of Chief Guest
10:30-10:35	Welcome & Lighting of Lamp
10:35-10:40	Opening remarks by Shri Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Director General, Power Foundation of India
10:40-10:45	Address by Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (MoP), Government of India*
10:45-10:50	Address by Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Secretary (MNRE), Government of India*
10:50-11:00	Address by Shri R. K. Singh, Hon’ble Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy*
11:00- 11:05	Vote of Thanks
11:05-11:30	Tea Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Session 1: “Role of DRE in India’s sustainable development”</p> <p>DRE solutions play a pivotal role in India's sustainable development by addressing energy access, clean energy transition, rural empowerment, and climate action. This session convenes policymakers, industry leaders, and ecosystem enablers to explore the amplified role of DRE in India's energy landscape. Key topics include the significance of the rural economy in India's NDC commitments, the market potential of DRE in an inclusive energy transition, and the decarbonization potential of various DRE sources, with a specific focus on biomass and solar.</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	<p>Session 2: “Empowering Communities: The Role of Distributed Renewable Energy in Sustainable Development”</p> <p>This session delves into the transformative impact of DRE on communities, providing clean energy while fostering local development. The presentation of real-world case studies by organizations will set the stage for a moderated panel discussion on replicability, gender empowerment, and socio-economic development. Key topics include examining how DRE interventions enhance the livelihoods, lives, and dignity of rural populations, with a focus on gender empowerment. The session also explores case studies to glean insights into factors influencing success and failure, encompassing sustainability, scalability, replicability, local institutional support, resource and finance availability, and innovative business models, including local skill development and livelihood generation.</p>
15:00-16:10	<p>Session 3: “Uptake of DRE solutions for the MSME sector</p> <p>Highlighting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as vital contributors to India's economy, this session aims to highlight the challenges faced by MSMEs. Commencing with case studies, the moderated panel discussion explores DRE's impact on MSME business sustainability, meeting green product standards, and overcoming uptake barriers. Key topics include a framework for barrier mitigation, lessons from initiatives, and factors influencing success and failure such as</p>

	sustainability, scalability, replicability, market potential, business models, and job creation potential.
16:10-16:40	Tea Break
16:40-17:50	<p>Session 4: “Business Models (including Financing DRE)”</p> <p>Explore the transformative potential of DRE in reshaping electricity generation and consumption, impacting livelihoods and business practices. This session gathers industry leaders, policymakers, technology providers, and financiers to discuss crucial elements of successful business models. Key topics include different business models (Public-Private-Community Partnership Models, RESCOs, Rural Cooperatives), system costs, return on investment, market financing options, and the viability of initiatives developed without CSR or philanthropic funding. Additionally, the session addresses financing challenges for manufacturers, solution developers, and beneficiaries, highlighting policy and regulatory gaps and proposing innovative solutions for financial viability.</p>
17:50-18:00	Closing remarks