



## Role of Decentralised Renewable Energy for Achieving SDG 7

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### Background

A just and inclusive global energy transition is incomplete without universal energy access. At the current pace of progress, IEA estimates that 660 million people in the Global South will still lack electricity access by 2030 — the year to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (IEA, 2022). Even as the centralised grids expand, Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) is playing an eminent role in bridging the energy access gap — both as an alternative and as complementary to the centralised grid systems.

DRE offers faster and more cost-effective solutions to increasing electricity access in rural or remote areas with lower population densities. Their decentralised nature allows them to tap into locally available renewable energy resources and be tailored to meet diverse energy needs for residential, institutional and productive uses. Additionally, meeting the energy demand of emerging economies via renewable sources allows for a “double leapfrog” towards energy access and clean energy (GCF-CEEW, 2021). Thus, it is essential to recognise and mainstream DRE to release a citizen-centric global energy transition.

The event titled “Role of Decentralised Renewable Energy for Achieving SDG 7” shall foster stimulating discussions on universal energy access to ensure all developing countries could gain reliable and clean modern energy services. The focus would be to bring forth global good practices in adopting and implementing DRE with a citizen-centric approach.



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1400 – 1700 IST, Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Grande Sala, Cidade De Goa

1330 – 1400	<b>Registration</b>
1400 – 1440	<b>Inaugural session</b>
1400 – 1405	<i>Lighting of the ceremonial lamp</i>
1405 – 1410	<b>Solar Anthem – ‘Suraj ka Gola’</b>
1410 – 1415	<i>Welcome address by Mr Dinesh D. Jagdale, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India</i>
1415 – 1420	<i>Opening remarks by Mr R. P. Gupta, Chairman &amp; Managing Director of the Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)</i>
1420 – 1425	<i>Special remarks by Mr Puneet Kumar Goel, Chief Secretary, Government of Goa</i>
1425 – 1430	<i>Inaugural address by Mr Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India</i>
1430 – 1435	<i>Launch of the “Compendium of DRE Good Practices for SDG7” with the authors</i>
1435 – 1440	<i>Presentation on the Compendium of DRE Good Practices for SDG7</i> <b>Mr Abhishek Jain</b> , Research Fellow and Director-Powering Livelihoods, CEEW
1440 – 1540	<b>Session I - Accelerating DRE for impacting sustainable development goals at scale</b>
1440 – 1445	<b>Context setting presentation</b> <b>Ms Suman Chandra</b> , Deputy Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India
1445 – 1525	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderator - Dr Arunabha Ghosh</b>, Chief Executive Officer, CEEW</li> <li>● <b>Ms Damilola Ogunbiyi</b>, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy</li> <li>● <b>Mr Tomas Anker Christensen</b>, Climate Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities, Denmark</li> <li>● <b>Mr Yudo Dwinanda Priaadi</b>, Senior Advisor for Strategic Planning, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Republic of Indonesia</li> <li>● <b>Ms Gauri Singh</b>, Deputy Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency</li> </ul>
1525 – 1540	<i>Audience interaction</i>
1540 – 1605	<b>Voices from the ground   Impact of DRE on grassroot communities</b>
1540 – 1605	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderator - Ms Divya Gaur</b>, Programme Associate, CEEW</li> <li>● <b>Ms Kuni Dehuri</b>, end user of solar silk-reeling machine</li> <li>● <b>Mr Jalindar Machindra Rout</b>, end user of biomass-based cold storages</li> <li>● <b>Ms Toshima Dahariya</b>, staff nurse at Chhattisgarh’s solarised primary health centre</li> </ul>
1605 – 1655	<b>Session II - Ensuring inclusive energy access through collaboration</b>
1605 – 1640	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderator - Mr Abhishek Jain</b>, Research Fellow and Director-Powering Livelihoods, CEEW</li> <li>● <b>Mr Chandra Shekhar Sinha</b>, Global Lead for Carbon Markets and Finance, The World Bank</li> <li>● <b>Ms Amanda Maxwell</b>, Managing Director, International Program, NRDC</li> <li>● <b>Ms Sophie Odupoy</b>, Group Head Of Public Affairs, KOKO Networks</li> <li>● <b>Mr Chintan Shah</b>, Former Director-Technical, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited</li> <li>● <b>Mr William Brent</b>, Chief Marketing Officer, Husk Power Systems</li> </ul>
1640 – 1655	<i>Audience interaction</i>
1655 – 1700	<b>Vote of thanks: Mr Anant Kumar, Director, Ministry of New &amp; Renewable Energy</b>
1700 – 1715	<b>High-tea</b>
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