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INFORSE-South Asia
International Network for Sustainable Energy



INFORSE South Asia is a regional network of independent non-governmental organisations that encourage the growth of sustainable energy solutions in order to reduce poverty and protect the environment.



Since its founding at the Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992, INFORSE has grown to more than 140 members, of which 21 are in South Asia

Vision and Aims

INFORSE is a network of organisations that are active in the field of sustainable energy. We share a common vision in which energy services are sustainable and promote just and human-centred development. Our vision is based on renewable technologies, including solar, wind, biomass, biogas and micro-hydro.

We emphasise:

- Defending the environment and combating climate change;
- Phasing out nuclear and fossil energy consumption;
- Increasing reliance on local solutions;
- Ensuring equal access to energy across class, ethnic and gender lines;
- Improving income generation through renewable energy solutions, particularly by the poor; and
- Increasing energy efficiency.

To achieve these goals, we:

- Communicate experiences, know-how and visions of member organisations to the public and to decision makers;
- Increase NGO capacity by developing and providing educational tools;
- Promote the participation of civil society organisations in developing energy strategies and policies that affect them;
- Mobilise investment, research, development and transfer of renewable energy technologies;
- Influence national, and international decision making;
- Reform regulatory frameworks and market conditions;
- Integrate environmental, and social costs in pricing;
- Participate in the events of the UN and its parallel NGO Forums in order to influence global agendas. These include Conferences of the UN Climate Convention, Combating Desertification, and follow-up of the Rio Conference.

Structure

INFORSE- South Asia is one of 7 regional INFORSE networks. Its coordinator and regional focal points are elected by the members at regional and national level respectively.

Cooperative Projects

INFORSE Members cooperate on a range of activities.

In South Asia, the most important project is currently on promotion of sustainable energy to reduce poverty in India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. It includes preparing and distributing manuals and other materials as well as capacity building of NGOs.

The participating organisations have been involved in major successes in the area. This includes promotion of improved cook stoves, improved water mills, biogas plants, and micro credit schemes to renewable energy installations like photovoltaics to generate income by using electricity.

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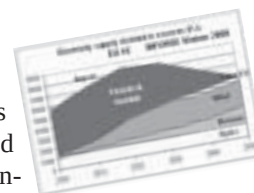
INFORSE has published this quarterly newsletter since 1992. Each issue focuses on a specific theme and provides updates on sustainable energy initiatives from our contacts around the globe. Recent themes have included gender, poverty, education, financing, desertification and social change.

Online Database

The INFORSE database includes contact information for more than 900 NGOs, research and educational institutes, and decision makers whose work relates to sustainable energy. Database searches can be tailored to the user's needs, and contacts can be sorted according to membership, organisation name or country. The database is available at <http://www.inforse.org>.

Vision 2050

INFORSE can support its members in preparing national visions and strategies for transitioning to sustainable energy systems until the year 2050. Based on current energy use for countries or regions, energy balances are developed decade-by-decade through to 2050.



Membership and Subscription

Membership in INFORSE-South Asia is open to independent, non-governmental and non-profit organizations that support the INFORSE Charter.

Membership is free of charge and support is welcome.

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