INVITATION

LAUNCH of South Asia Database of Local Climate Solutions - Regional Webinar

Date: 31th August 2022 Time: 14.00 in India & Sri Lanka; 14.30 in Bangladesh; 14.15 Nepal

We would like to invite You to explore a NEW Online Database for Eco-Village Development in South Asia. The database includes Local Solutions, Publications, Media, & Orgnaisations.

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LOCAL CLIMATE SOLUTION: We welcome You to discover the solutions presently in the database and find the right solutions you can introduce in your area. We also welcome your input to the database, of solutions you know of.

The Database includes **40+ Solutions** in the **6 main Categories** from **Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.** The Main Categories are: **Cooking, Off Grid Power, Heating and Cooling, Water Supply, Organic Gardening and Agriculture, and Village Development Planning tools**. There are about 4 subcategories in each category. There are about 5-8 cases from each country.

Some of the solutions are well known or were known once, but got forgotten. Some of the solutions are results of new ideas and innovation. Most of them low-cost and easily implementable with relatively small investment, or support, by self help groups, or microcredit scheme. We strived to collect those, where there are many happy users.

Join us and hear, which are these solutions, and get your personal insight by those who developed and contributed to the database. Moreover, we would be happy hearing You and get Your new inputs, which could be also part of the database.

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA (PHOTOS, VIDEAO) ORGANISATIONS:

The database also includes Publications on the local solutions, training materials, photos and videos, and organisations which are working on the area, and contributed to the database.

JOIN us and discover what is available and we welcome You to contribute with new inputs.

BACKGROUND: The climate solutions have been collected by cooperating regional CSO networks of INFORSE-South Asia and CANSA, and national partners, which are member of these networks i.e., INSEDA in India. IDEA in Sri Lanka, CRT in Nepal, and Grameen Shakti in Bangladesh.

The local solutions showcased in the online **Database are part of a Concept of Eco-Village Development in South Asia**, which have been tested and introduced in several areas, where evidence based were collected. The Concept introduces local climate and sustainable solutions with participatory planning methods. The **Concept and a Training of Trainers Manual** were developed and published **in English, Bangla, Hindi, Nepali, and Sinhala**. The climate solutions have **climate mitigation and adaptation effects and contribute to several the Sustainable Development Goals.** The mitigation effects were calculated the adaptation effects were estimated and a methodology was published. This has been a pioneering work, so the Climate mitigation of the solutions can be calculated into the contribution to the local or regional development as well as to the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) to the UNFCCC's Paris Agreement on the Climate Change. These Publications and Organisations are part of the present database, and we expect that more and more of them will be added in the next months. We welcome to add your inputs. Please let us know.

The objective of the webinar is to introduce the database-library and invite CSOs in the South Asia region to enrich the database with technological and financial solutions, planning methods, publications, and CSOs working on the field. The database is hoped to serve as a strong vehicle that the solutions featured will be known and introduced to the communities.

The database is made in the framework of a CSO Cooperation Project on Eco-Village Development, which has been supported by Civil Society in Development (CISU) in Denmark.

Agenda

Welcome and opening remarks – Santosh Patnaik, CAN South Asia, and Judit Szoleczky from INFORSE

Keynote: Why did we established the database? What are the main gaps and challenges?

About the database: What does the database include: Local solutions, Publications, Organisations, Media, Countries, Categories. - Gunnar Boye Olesen, and Sanjiv Nathan, INFORSE-South Asia

SOLUTIONS: What are the informations for each solutions? Experiences from project partners, challenges, and successes. - Sanjiv Nathan INSEDA, India & INFORSE-SA; - Dumindu Herath IDEA Sri Lanka, - Abdul Arif, Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh; - Niraj Shrestha & Anzoo Sharma, CRT Nepal.

- Gender Perspective on Climate Solutions, and Participatory Planning, where women have major roles, or should have role, - Usha Nair, All India Women Conference (AIWC), India

Discussion & Brainstorm - Moderator: Judit Szoleczky, INFORSE

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