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# Brief History, Charter, Operational aspect ; and



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for the promotion of local sustainable energy  
solutions for Poverty reduction**

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# INSEDA

(Integrated Sustainable Energy and Ecological Development Association)

Integrated Sustainable Energy and Ecological Development Association (INSEDA) is the national Indian organization formed by the grassroots NGOs who had been involved in the promotion of renewable energy programs with special focus on the implementation of biogas development in rural areas of the country, since 1980.

INSEDA is a membership organization, at present having about 50 Indian NGOs as its members.

The member organizations had been operating as an informal network for more than 15 years before establishing INSEDA as a formal body. The INSEDA was registered as a society on December 11, 1995, under the societies registration act XXI of 1860, Delhi.

The area of operation of INSEDA is the entire country.

INSEDA has been hosting the Regional Secretariat of INFORSE since 1995



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The INFORSE (International Network for Sustainable Energy) is a world-wide NGO network formed at the "Global Forum of NGOs" organized as a parallel event of NGOs at the United Nations' International Conference on Environment (commonly referred as "Earth Summit") in June 1992 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



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- INFORSE can be considered as the forum and meeting point for NGOs, working at the grass roots, block, district, zonal, national, regional and international levels, all united on a common strategy for long-term sustainable energy development with phasing out of fossil energy usages.
- INFORSE works towards finding solutions for the practical implementation of sustainable energy. This is done by exchange of information, awareness creation, formation and implementation of sustainable energy strategies at all levels and lobbying with international bodies, as well as implementation of innovative, pathfinder and demonstrative projects through its member NGOs.



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INFORSE, when formed had 7 regions.

With effect from **January 1, 2003**, the **INFORSE** has **11 Regions**:

- a). **Eastern AFRICA** (CDI, Uganda),
- b). **Western AFRICA**. (ENDA, Senegal),
- c). **Southern AFRICA** (ELA, South Africa),
- d). **South ASIA** (INSEDA, India),
- e). **South East ASIA** (SENT, Thailand),
- f). **Far East Asia & Pacific** (SPENA, Japan),
- g). **Western EUROPE** (OVE, Denmark),
- h). **Eastern, EUROPE** (FAE, Slovakia),
- i). **Latin AMERICA- I** (REJIMA, Argentina),
- j). **Latin America- II** (LIMA, Brazil) **and**
- k). **North AMERICA** (to be elected).



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**International Secretariat** is hosted by **OVE, Denmark** and facilitates as well as provides support to these **11 INFORSE Regions**.



## INFORSE CHARTER

- Based on experience gained, feed-back received from members as well as for responding to the new and emerging challenges of the new millennium, the INFORSE Charter under went major revision, and after getting members' endorsement, was finalized in 2000.
- The “New INFORSE Charter” clearly enumerates the Vision & Mission statement, giving emphasis on:
  - Poverty reduction without gender biases, empowerment of women,
  - Capacity building and institutional strengthening and reforms
- Through the promotion of people centred, eco-friendly and environmentally sound renewable energy solutions and energy efficiency measures, with the main focus on sustainable human development (SHD) with equity and social justice.



- **INFORSE International Coordinator (IIC)** is responsible for the overall coordination, advocacy & lobbying at the international level and mobilizes funds as well as assists and supports the **Regional Coordinators (RCs)** in the mobilizing funds for undertaking appropriate programs, projects, activities, workshops and meetings etc, through the **INFORSE Regional Secretariats**.
- **Regional Secretariats** are responsible for coordination of activities in their respective regions. The **Regional Coordinators (RCs)** work on the regional action plans, securing cooperation from the respective **National Focal Points (NFP)** of **INFORSE** as well as by directly interacting with **INFORSE** members in the region. The respective **RC** also interacts directly and networks with other **INFORSE Regional Coordinators (IRCs)** and the **International Secretariat (Denmark)**.



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- INFORSE has developed a scenario and a vision to achieve sustainable development of the energy system by the year 2050, by following the environmental and social imperatives.
- To realize this vision, the INFORSE is facilitating practical and political exchange of experiences amongst NGOs, liaising with concerned Multi-lateral agencies, creating political and public awareness about sustainable energy solutions, and seeking support for NGO activities.



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- For exchange of experience INFORSE publishes a quarterly newsmagazine, the 'Sustainable Energy News- **SEN**'.
- INFORSE is also engaged in international campaigns on 'Sustainable Energy for Social Development', focusing on job-creation and livelihood improvements.
- INFORSE International Secretariat (housed at OVE, Denmark) is in regular contact with International NGO networks, UN agencies, multilateral banks and other international bodies that are active in the energy field.



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- The regional activities are the most important activities to realize the overall aim and thrust of INFORSE. In each of the **11** regions, the respective Regional Coordinators (**RCs**) and Member NGOs carry out activities.
- In addition each country where there are 5 or more INFORSE members, could elect one INFORSE National Focal Point (**NFP**) for the facilitation & effective coordination of INFORSE activities in that country.

- Compared to other regions, at present two regions are more active- INFORSE Europe and INFORSE South Asia Region.
- The INFORSE Regional Coordinator for South Asia is INSEDA
- The INFORSE South Asia Region has five National Focal points as follows:
  - Grameen Shakti (Bangladesh),
  - CRT/N (Nepal),
  - IDEA (Sri Lanka)
  - AIWC (Gender)-India
  - SDA (General)- India

- The Regional Secretariat for the INFORSE South Asian Region (IN-SAR) is hosted by INSEDA at its National HQs., New Delhi, India.
- Even though, IN-SAR includes all 7 SAARC Countries, but in the initial stages it has been more active in **India** and **Nepal**, as both these countries had more members and elected/nominated National Focal Point (**NFP**) for promoting the INFORSE aims and objectives in these two countries.
- Since 2004 INFORSE has also nominated National Focal Point (**NFP**) in Bangladesh (Grameen Shakti) and Sri Lanka (IDEA).

## INFORSE National Focal Points (NFPs)

The INFORSE South Asia Region has five National Focal Points (NFPs) in 4 countries as follows:

- Grameen Shakti (Bangladesh),
- CRT/N (Nepal),
- IDEA (Sri Lanka)
- AIWC (Gender)-India
- SDA (General)-India

## INFORSE Project on Capacity Building of NGOs in RETs for Poverty Reduction in Asia

In April 05, the INFORSE launched a Project for the promotion of local, sustainable energy solutions in South Asian region involving the INFORSE Regional Secretariat and five National Focal Points-They are:

- INSEDA (Regional Coordinator & Project Director)
- Grameen Shakti (NFP-Bangladesh)
- AIWC (NFP-Gender-India)
- SDA (NFP-General-India)
- CRT/N (NPF-Nepal)
- IDEA (NFP-Sri Lanka)



# Promotion of local, sustainable energy solutions

- INFORSE South Asia collected Regional experiences (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka)
- Preparation of RET Manual to introduce sustainable energy solutions for poverty reduction & choose the right solutions
- Preparation of Financial Manual for Micro Financing based sustainable energy solutions for poverty reduction in South Asia
- These two Manuals will be published in CDs.
- The RET manual have already been printed in 5 languages- Bengali, Nepali, Hindi & Singhalese

## Promotion of local, sustainable energy solutions

INFORSE SA will undertake national dissemination in 07 with partners (Grameen Shakti in Bangladesh; INSEDA, AIWC & SDA in India; CRT in Nepal & IDEA in Sri Lanka)

- The first National Capacity building workshop for NGO trainers was organised and conducted by CRT/N in Nepal on April 19-20, 07 and Seminar was organised in June 07
- The second WS-cum-Seminar was jointly by AIWC, SDA & INSEDA in India on May 24-26, 07
- The third Workshop-cum-Seminar is being organised by IDEA in Sri Lanka on July 17-18, 2007; and
- The fourth Workshop-cum-Seminar would be organised by Grameen Shakti in Bangladesh in September, 2007

## Objective of INFORSE National Workshops

- Use the two manuals (SET and Financial) for initiating participatory capacity building of NGO trainers to promote poverty reduction using sustainable energy solutions;
- Get feed-back from the partners on the relevance of the manual for use at the grassroots level; and
- For improvement in the content & material
- Relevance as NGO Trainers Training manuals
- Later on use it as reference material for preparation of the appropriate project

## Recommendation at the End of the Workshop

- Follow up programme
- How to use these two manuals by the participants
- What type of assistance required by NGOs from IDEA
- Lobby and advocacy with policy for influencing the decisions making process in favour of SE solutions fro poverty redcutions
- Action Plan for short, mid and long-term implementation of SE solutions

# COMPLETION OF THE INFORSE CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

***Project on Capacity Building of NGO Trainers for the promotion of local sustainable energy solutions for Poverty reduction will conclude in December 2007 after a period of 3 months follow-up by the 5 National Focal Points (NFPs), which will be facilitated by the INFORSE Regional Coordinator, South Asia***



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