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Event | State Consultative Roundtable Dialogue on PM KUSUM and the Water-Energy-Food Nexus
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Date | 7th July (Wednesday)
Time | 3pm to 5pm IST (Two hours duration)
Objectives | • Present the findings of the draft “Guidebook for State Policymakers on Maximizing the Social and Environmental Benefits from Solar Pump Schemes’
• Explore the way forward to strengthen the implementation of solar irrigation
Venue (Virtual) | Microsoft Teams (Please click here to join the meeting). Contact Vir Bahadur Singh, System engineer, TERI on vir.singh@teri.res.in or +91 9873043383, for any technical difficulties

Schedule

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| • Nilanjan Ghose (Senior Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ))
• Aditya Gangwar (Scientist B, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy) |
| 3:15 PM to 3:55 PM | Coordination on solar irrigation between state agencies across the Water-Energy-Food nexus |
| (Chair: Dr. Debajit Palit (Director, Rural Energy and Livelihoods, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)) |
| Study findings – Siddharth Goel (Senior Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)) |
| Panel |
| • Mukesh Prasad (Electrical Executive Engineer, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency)
• Mrinal Krishna Chaudhury (Additional Director, Assam Renewable Energy Development Agency)
• SK Nanda (General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Jharkhand)
• Rishi Nandan (General Manager (Commercial), Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited)
• Santosh Kumar (Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, Jharkhand) |
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| 3:55 PM to 4:45 PM | **Breakout Session 1: Strategies to improve the financing and targeting of solar irrigation schemes to reach small and marginal farmers**  
(Chair: Shalu Agrawal (Programme Lead, Power Sector, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW))  
Study findings – Siddharth Goel (Senior Associate, IISD) and Anas Rahman (Programme Associate, CEEW)  
- SK Nanda (General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Jharkhand)  
- Bipin Bihari (Project Director – Johar, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society)  
- Mukesh Prasad (Electrical Executive Engineer, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency)  
- Santosh Kumar (Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, Jharkhand)  
- Vinay Jaju (Managing Director, SwitchON Foundation)  
**Breakout Session 2: Infrastructure support and a monitoring and evaluation framework to prevent groundwater depletion from solar irrigation**  
(Chair: Dr. Debajit Palit (Director, Rural Energy and Livelihoods, TERI)  
Study findings – Prajnashish Swain (Project Engineer, TERI) and Rashmi Murali (Associate Fellow, TERI)  
- Mrinal Krishna Chaudhury (Additional Director, Assam Renewable Energy Development Agency)  
- Rishi Nandan (General Manager (Commercial), Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited)  
- Ayan Deb (Hub Manager (Central and West India) – Tata Trusts)  
- Ashwani Ashok (Head – Renewable Energy, Centre for Environment and Energy Development)  
- Vijay Shankar (Energy Consultant, World Resources Institute India) |
| 4:45 PM to 4:55 PM | **Plenary**  
Summary of key takeaways from breakout sessions  
- Shalu Agrawal (Programme Lead, Power Sector, CEEW)  
- Dr. Debajit Palit (Director, Rural Energy and Livelihoods, TERI) |
| 4:55 PM to 5:00 PM | **Closing Remarks**  
- Christopher Beaton (Lead, Sustainable Energy Consumption, IISD) |