



Profiles of Speakers of the India Clean Cookstove Forum 2013

Chief Guest and Inaugural Address



Dr. Farooq Abdullah is the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy in the Government of India. He is best known for his energetic leadership of the path breaking and transformational initiative in renewable energy - The Jawahar Lal Nehru National Solar Mission. He is also known for a number of other initiatives in the renewable energy space in India-notably the introduction of Generation Based Incentive and the move towards introduction of Renewable Energy Certificates. He is equally passionate about the use of off-grid, decentralized Renewable Energy Solutions in order to promote energy access and rural development. Born in 1937 in Soura on the outskirts of Srinagar, Dr. Farooq Abdullah completed his MBBS from the SMS Medical College, Jaipur. He has had a long and distinguished political career, having served as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir thrice and a Member of Parliament twice. He has been a member of the Committee on Defence, Member of Parliamentary Forum on Population and Public Health, and a Member of Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Dr. Abdullah has been conferred the Dr. B.C. Roy Award as a medical man-cum-statesman, D. Litt. (Honoris Causa) from Aligarh Muslim University, Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) from Pondicherry University and Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit of Spain. An ardent golfer, he is keenly interested in photography, classical music, and ghazals. He is also an avid traveller.

Biomass Cookstove Initiatives in India



Mr. Alok Srivastava (IAS) is Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India. Mr. Srivastava graduated in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and did Masters in Public Policy (specialization in Environmental Policy) from the University of Maryland, USA where he was awarded Tydings Fellowship for being an outstanding returning student. In his 29 years of administrative career, he has held many illustrious appointments both with federal and state governments. He has also been associated with reputed International Organizations such as World Bank and UNDP. Among other programmes, he has also managed the Bhoj Wetland Environmental Management and Conservation Project.



Special Address



Mr. Heiko Warnken, a lawyer by profession joined the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in 1991. He worked in many divisions and was country manager for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria. He was seconded several times to the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and worked in the German Representation to the UN in Geneva as well as in the German Embassies in Addis Ababa and Nairobi. He has also headed the Division for coherence and coordination within the German Government. During his tenure as the Head of the Environment Division (2009 -2012) he was in charge of the biodiversity issues (including COP 9 and 10). He co - led (together with the Federal Ministry for the Environment) the German delegation to Rio + 20 Conference and dealt with green economy topics.

Welcome Address



Mr. Manfred Häbig leads German International Cooperation programmes with India in the field of private sector development. During this tenure he has promoted bilateral ventures in fields like small and medium enterprise finance and development, skill development and industrial services, regional economic development, as well as corporate social responsibility and corporate governance. Before his assignment to India, he held expert and management positions within GIZ in South America and Germany for more than 20 years. An agricultural economist by profession, Mr. Häbig worked as strategy adviser, trainer, team leader, project implementer, desk officer and country representative. At the turn of the millennium, he had spearheaded the development and implementation of GIZ's award-winning global knowledge management strategy. He has also led GIZ's Asian Community of Practice (Sector Network) on Sustainable Economic Development with over 200 members in 15 countries.

Vote of Thanks



Mr. Jens Burgtorf is the Director of the Indo-German Energy Programme (IGEN) of GIZ - German Development Cooperation based in New Delhi. Before joining GIZ, Jens Burgtorf was the Head of the Department, Asset Management Energy Production and Waste-to-Energy at City of Munich Municipal Utilities and has also worked as a freelance energy consultant. From 2005 to 2008, he was a member of the extended Presidency of the German Geothermal Society. Jens Burgtorf holds a degree as graduate engineer in Energy and Process Engineering from Technical University of Berlin, Germany. Besides his expertise in conventional and renewable energy he has vast experience in the field of business strategy, project and organizational development and change management.



Introduction to the Forum and GIZ's Cookstove Activities



Mr. Michael Blunck is heading the Renewable Energy Component of the Indo-German Energy Programme (IGEN-RE). He has worked on rural electrification and cooking energy for GIZ in Bangladesh and Germany. In the context of the Development Cooperation Trainee Programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Michael has worked with BMZ, GIZ, the World Bank, and the REN21 network. Michael holds a Master's Degree in Social and Economic Geography from the University of Mainz, Germany.

Master of Ceremony



Ms. Rama Sudhakar is an Independent media professional with varied experience in the print, electronic broadcast and online Media as anchor, editor, writer, content and editorial Consultant. She holds a Post-graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communications (Delhi) and Masters in English Literature from Central University of Hyderabad. In an editorial role she has worked as Senior Editor of Encyclopedia Britannica and handled prestigious projects. As a Business news anchor she has worked with All India Radio and Doordarshan on-air live bulletins in English and Telugu, besides anchoring panel discussions and interviewing subject experts.

PANEL 1: Creating Demand for Improved Cookstoves

MODERATOR:



Ms. Anuradha Bhavnani is the Regional Director for Shell Foundation India. She leads the effort across the spectrum of Shell Foundation activities in India. A post graduate in business, she has over 25 years of experience. She has also has been an advisor to the Rockefeller Foundation on their Asian Climate Change and Resilience Program Network. Her approach to sustainability is grounded in an understanding of business drivers and in particular the need to deliver financial performance for the enterprises along with social and environmental impacts.



PANELIST 1:



Mr. Anurag Bhatnagar is the CEO of Grassroot Trading Network for Women, a Section 25 company promoted by Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) to deliver "Energy Inclusion" and "Financial Inclusion" to its 1.73 million women members across 12 states in India as well as neighboring SAARC countries. As a finance professional with 24 years of corporate experience in establishing and running businesses in consumer finance, asset management, insurance and stock broking, he has a deep understanding of the human aspects of financial services, their real impact in the lives of individuals and the role technology, organization and leadership can play in delivering them to people at the Bottom of the Pyramid.

PANELIST 2:



Ms. Sakshi Varma works for IFC's Access to Finance Advisory Services in South Asia. She is implementing various projects under microfinance, sustainable energy finance and financial infrastructure product lines. Prior to joining IFC, she worked as Vice President, Microfinance, at HSBC and was involved in product development /implementation in the area of financial inclusion, credit plus products for MFIs and clean energy finance. At HSBC, she also worked extensively on developing mobile banking solutions as well as pre-paid instrument solutions for the financially excluded.

PANELIST 3:



Mr. Sameer Mishra is a financial service professional with more than 17 years of experience in retail banking and rural business. He has worked with Bank of India, IDBI & ICICI Bank earlier in retail and rural business and played a key role in setting up rural business of Fullerton India. He is presently heading rural (Gramshakti) business of Fullerton India Credit Company Ltd. in the states of Gujarat, MP and Rajasthan.

PANELIST 4:



Mr. Supriyo Gupta is Managing Director of Torque Communications and Digilogue Communications. As a journalist he has led various programmes for about a decade addressing issues in rural India, farm economy and development challenges. Mr. Gupta has worked extensively on the issue of Indoor Air Pollution. He has worked with global foundations, various levels of Central and State Governments, village level institutions, NGOs, health workers and on-ground communities on IAP to propagate use of Improved Cook Stoves.



PANELIST 5:



Ms. Svati Bhogle is the co-founder of Sustaintech India Pvt. Ltd. (SIPL) and is working as Secretary and Chief Executive of TIDE for the past 18 years. After completing her masters in chemical engineering from IIT Bombay, she pursued her passion for technology and energy for development working on various aspects of renewable energy applications in rural areas. Ms Bhogle is the recipient of Energy Champion Award in the International Category, 2008, Ashoka Fellowship, TED India Fellowship, the Environment Award by the Govt. of Karnataka and the National award for women's development by the Govt. of India.

PANELIST 6:



Mr. Vinay Jaju is the founding COO of ONergy (Punam Energy Pvt Ltd) and the founding head of inONvation incubator at Switch ON (Environment Conservation society). He has held leadership positions at in many organisations and is also a Guest Faculty at IIM Kolkata. Mr. Jaju is a management graduate from SP Jain, Mumbai. He was awarded the Paragon Fellowship (FYSE) and BYCL Fellowship. . He is also a cycle enthusiast (a symbol of connect between his two biggest passions - sustainability and equity) and has ridden across India for the project "Why New Coal" and been a key campaigner for Chakra Satyagraha – Action on Cycling Ban.

PANEL 2: Improving Supply of Appropriate Cookstove Technologies

MODERATOR:



Mr. Hari Natarajan has over 15 years of experience in the energy sector, especially the clean energy sector and the energy access space. He has been associated with several organizations involved in the energy access space in India such as SELCO, S3IDF, GVEP International, etc. He is currently a Senior Technical Expert within the Renewable Energy Component of the Indo German Energy Programme (IGEN-RE) at GIZ.



PANELIST 1:



Mr. Ankit Mathur is the Co-founder & CTO of Greenway Grameen. He is a technology enthusiast and believes that rural populations deserve world class products and excellent services and thus developed the Greenway Smart Stove. He is currently a co-author of two patents and plans to be a part of many more. Ankit is an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad and is a Mechanical Engineer from Delhi College of Engineering. As a co-founder of Greenway Grameen Infra, he was the recipient of Business world Young Entrepreneur Award in 2011 and winner at Intel Global Challenge in 2012.

PANELIST 2:



Dr. B. S. Negi is presently working as Director (R & D Coordination & Cookstove) in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, New Delhi. He steered launch of the National Biomass Cookstove Initiative (NBCI) in December 2009. He has also worked for International Cooperation in MNRE from 2003-2007, where he contributed to streamlining the Indian policy for climate change, promoting Clean Development Mechanism in renewable energy sector, joint research and development for technology development. He represented Indian delegation to CoP9 in Milan, Italy in December 2003. A doctorate in Physics, Dr. Negi prior to joining MNRE in 1992, worked in Centre for Energy Studies, IIT Delhi from 1985-1992, where he pursued research, design, development, demonstration and performance evaluation of solar thermal systems.

PANELIST 2:



Mr. Gaurav Mehta is currently CEO of Project Dharma, a social enterprise creating entrepreneurs at the base of the pyramid in India. Mr. Mehta founded Pratham in 2004. He also leads Gajam Group, a private equity investment vehicle with investments in the clean energy, media and technology areas. He has worked at Morgan Stanley in London in the investment banking division, where he specialized in European capital products and healthcare investment banking. Mr. Mehta has also worked for General Atlantic, a large growth capital investment firm for three years. He was appointed sector head for European Clean Energy in 2007. He holds an MBA from the London Business School.

PANELIST 3:



Mr. Santosh Kumar works for GIZ India as a Technical Expert under the Indo-German Energy Program. His work focuses on developing markets for off-grid renewable energy solutions such as improved cookstoves, solar water pumps etc. In past, he led the Rural Market Insight programme of the Centre for Development Finance, a development finance think tank, at the Institute of Financial Management and Research, Chennai.



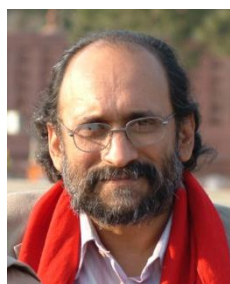
PANELIST 4:



Prof. Rajendra Prasad has 35 years of teaching and research experience at Centre for Rural Development and Technology, IIT Delhi. He has been involved in multiple MNRE projects dealing with development and deployment of improved cook stoves. He is currently involved with MNRE on testing and evaluation of improved cook stoves. In the past, he has provided Technical backup to MNRE under National Program on Improved Cookstoves. Prof. Prasad has authored five books, 25 research manuals, hundred technical reports and has over 150 research papers to his credit.

PANEL 3: Developing the Market Ecosystem

MODERATOR



Mr. Paranjoy Guha Thakurta is an independent journalist and an educator. His work experience, spanning over 36 years, cuts across different media: print, radio, television and documentary cinema. He has worked with various media organizations including Business India, Business World, The Telegraph, India Today and The Pioneer. He is a partner of Media Network of India, a firm engaged in designing and creation of content for all media. He has been associated with a number of projects of the United Nations Development Programme and the International Labour Organization (ILO). He has moderated discussions at the International Labour Conference at Geneva, Switzerland, in June 2009 and at the ILO's Asia Pacific Regional Meeting in Kyoto, Japan, in December 2011.

PANELIST 1:



Ms. Pinal Shah is the director of Sewa Urja Avaran Company, a company formed to market Energy products. She has been associated with Shri Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank Ltd. (Sewa Bank) since 2002. In 2006, she pioneered Energy Programme based on need assessment of the self-employed poor women. Her strength includes micro finance and marketing of Energy products to poor households and illiterate and self-employed women in both in Urban & Rural Areas.



PANELIST 2:



Ms. Rekha Krishnan has over eighteen years' work experience focusing on policy research pertaining to energy and natural resources. She has worked extensively with UNDP, ADB, World Bank, Government of India and other agencies on policy research projects in the areas of energy security and energy access. Currently, she leads policy research projects of the Ashden India Renewable Energy Collective, set up by a network of India-based winners of the prestigious Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy. Along with the Collective members, she is putting together inputs for developing and strengthening regulations, pricing and other policies to catalyze the development and dissemination of off-grid renewables to bridge energy access gaps in India. She is also involved in the Clean Cooking Energy for All initiatives of the Collective.

PANELIST 3:



Ms. Sujatha (Mukundan) Srinivasan is a Director at Servals Automation Pvt Ltd, a social enterprise engaged in the manufacturing of clean cookstoves. She has been associated with the growth of Servals from the R&D stage of the product, through the cycle of commercialization, market leadership and continuous market creation. She is guiding the growth of Servals in scaling up the promotion of the cooking solutions – initiating marketing and sales alliances, working with NGOs, actively seeking customer feedback and tapping project finance.

PANELIST 4:



Mr. T. L. Sankar served as a member of the Indian Administrative service for 35 years and is now involved in the studies on Indian Energy Security for India and for the South Asia Region. He was the Planning Commission's first Chief of the Project Appraisal Division as well as the first Energy Adviser. He has served in United Nations as Advisor on Energy issues to the governments of Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Jamaica, North Korea and Bangladesh and headed Asian Development Bank's Asian Energy Survey. He was given the Life Time Achievement Award for Services to Renewable Energy in 2003 by the Solar Energy Society of India (SESI) and Life Time Achievement Award for Services to for his Contribution to the Energy Sector by the Council of Power Utilities in 2012. He was awarded Padma Bhushan by the President of India in 2004 in recognition of his services as a Civil Servant.



PANELIST 5:



Mr T Pradeep is institutional advisor to SAMUHA, a NGO he founded in 1986 and chief executive of iSquared, a charitable trust, promoted by SAMUHA to explore, initiate and support social enterprises. He is proprietor of Akasmika that provides integrated management and marketing interface that add accountability, transparency and access to primary data. His development work covers 10 natural disasters in positions ranging from volunteer to manager and long-term interventions ranging from disabilities, HIV/AIDS, micro credit, Natural Resources Management, access to Public Resources and on remote-sensed micro applications. His present focus is on generating resources for communities' adaptation to Climate Change.

PANELIST 6:



Dr. Veena Joshi is Senior Advisor-Energy, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, New Delhi. Currently her focus is on developing new modalities for programme implementation to promote energy efficiency in buildings and small scale industries and decentralized power generation in rural areas. In the past, she has contributed to developing and managing SDC's Global Environment Programme in India. Dr. Joshi has a BSc from Karnataka University, a Masters and PhD in Physics from Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai and Kanpur respectively. She has a special interest in interdisciplinary actions to support policy and practice relevant to solving problems that face the poorer sections of society.

Vote of Thanks



Dr. Nikolaus Supersberger is Deputy Director of the Indo-German Energy Programme. The development of sustainable energy systems has been his guiding topic throughout his job career. Having started at the German think-tank Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, Energy, he was dedicated to energy system analysis and energy scenario modeling, concentrating on the integration of renewable energies and energy efficiency into traditional supply and demand structures. His regional focus was Arab countries and economies in transition. His PhD thesis was on the benefits of renewables and energy efficiency in OPEC countries. He published and co-authored various books in his fields of his specialisation.