The Side Event will highlight how stronger NDCs & LEDS that include local low emission solutions can increase energy access and improve livelihoods and thereby reduce poverty.

The speakers will showcase village based solutions from South Asia and East Africa and how NDCs & LEDS can promote these solutions, how a good Paris Rulebook can facilitate this. This will lead up to a discussion of these opportunities, in a panel with civil society plus negotiators, and with the side-event participants.

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- **Zareen Myles, WAFD, India:** Introducing Eco Village Development (EVD) as a climate and development strategy, showcasing EVD in India
- **Shovana Maharjan, CRT/Nepal:** Linking EVD with National Climate and Sustainable Development Commitment of Nepal
- **Dumindu Herath, IDEA, Sri Lanka:** Sustainable Eco Village Development in Sri Lanka: integrating EVD in national climate policies
- **Mohammad M. Hasan, Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh:** EVD in South Asia: Opportunities for empowering villagers within Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) mapping
- **Gunnar Boye Olesen, INFORSE Secretariat:** Climate mitigation effects of EVD solutions
- **Santosh Patnaik, CAN-South Asia:** How to finance local climate solutions in South Asia and the roles of climate finance
- **Jeebanjyoti Mohanty, Kavita Myles, INSEDA, India:** Proposals for guidance in the Paris Rulebook to enhance diversification of clean energy access and scale up local EVD solutions
- **Velma Oseko, Suswatch Kenya:** Local solutions in practice as climate solutions: reducing deforestation and supporting development and poverty reduction
- **Mary Swai, TATEDO, Tanzania:** Robust NDCs and Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) to incorporate local low emission solutions for rural livelihood improvement and poverty reduction
- **Richard Kimbowa, Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development:** Proposals to make the Paris Rulebook support local climate solutions that reduce poverty, in NDCs and beyond
- **Stephen Kinguyu, Climate Change Direct., Ministry of Environment of Kenya:** How can developing countries and the climate benefit from the Paris Rulebook and its guidance for NDCs
- **Voshita Wijenayake, Government of Sri Lanka**

Discussion: How can we promote local solutions that mitigate climate change, support sustainable development, and reduce poverty using the guidance of the upcoming Paris Rulebook?

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