

South Asia Webinar - October 17, 2022
14.00 IST, SLT; 14.30 BST; 14.15 NST

Achievements in Eco-Village Development in South Asia
Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka

Dialogue with Partners and Stakeholders
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**‘South Asia Webinar: Achievements of Eco-Village Development
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Date: 17th October 2022 – Time: 2 pm-in India & Sri Lanka; 2.30 pm in Bangladesh; 2.15 in Nepal

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Tentative Agenda - Moderator Ms. Usha Nair, All India Women Conference (AIWC), India

- **Overview: Eco Village Development (EVD) in the current climate and development discourse (adaptation and mitigation, development, SDGs focusing on poverty, gender, livelihood, health, indoor air pollution) by Ms. Anzoo Sharma, CRT Nepal, CANSA (10 min)**
- **Achievements in Bangladesh by Mr. Abdul Arif from Grameen Shakti. (10 minutes)**
- **Achievements in Sri Lanka by Mr. Dumindu Herath from IDEA (10 minutes)**
- **Database, Trainers of Trainers Manual by Mr Sanjiv Nathan, INFORSE-SA /INSEDA , India. (10 minutes)**
- **Participants Dialogue on how to use EVD (50 min)**
Invited NGOs and Government representatives to the Dialogue as speakers and Questions & Answers Session: Confirmed by 14.10.2022:
 - Sasika Konara from South Asia Partnership Sri Lanka (SAPSRI), Sri Lanka
 - Leel Randeni, Assistant Director, Environment Planning, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka;
 - Mahesh Kumara, Regional Manager, Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - Nagdev Yadav President of Community Development & Advocacy Forum Nepal (CDAFN).
 - L.V. Das from EFICOR, India;

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Eco-Village Development (EVD) Project: <https://ecovillagedevelopment.net/>

Database of Local EVD Solutions: <https://www.inforse.org/evd/>

CANSA on EVD: <https://cansouthasia.net/our-work/multilateral-processes-advocatory/next-gen-eco-village-development/>

INFORSE-SA on EVD <https://www.inforse.org/asia/EVD.htm>

UNFCC Policy Brief: https://www.inforse.org/doc/UNFCCC_SB56_EVD_PolicyBrief_GST_11_06_2022_F.pdf

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Background – Concept note

The Eco-Village Development (EVD) Concept introduces local climate and sustainable solutions with participatory planning methods, and it has been tested and introduced in several areas in South Asia, where evidence based were collected. The local climate solutions have climate mitigation and adaptation effects and contribute to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Concept was developed, tested, demonstrated and under implementation by NGO partners in Bangladesh (Grameen Shakti), India (INSEDA), Nepal (CRT/N), and Sri Lanka (IDEA).

During the course of implementation, several social, financial, technical, capacity and geographic challenges, and barriers were recognised, which are to be overcome. **The Partners have been seeking to build partnership** with communities, government agencies, private sector, community-based organisations, youth groups and likeminded CSOs in national and regional level to disseminate the EVD concept and approaches. The partnerships are necessary to overcome the barriers, and breakthrough in dissemination. We advocate for strengthen the EVD Concept as an alternative approach to meet climate and development challenges with combined efforts from the grass root level with participatory approach, and partnerships with stakeholders.

The achievements include several knowledge products, which speaks the volume about the knowledge gained through research and advocacy at various levels. These include **Description of the Concept** and **Training of Trainers Manual in English, Bangla, Hindi, Nepali and Sinhala**, as well as **Feasibility Studies** and an **Online Database of 50+ local climate solutions, publications, media, and organisations working on the field**. We also welcome input in this database.

Among the many achievements, 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.

The EVD Concept has been also **presented in several of the side events of recent UNFCCC COPs and Policy Briefs addressed the COP** advocating that the local solutions to be included in the NDCs.

We will be participating at COP27 in Egypt, and present the Concept at INFORCE's exhibition stall and at the side Event on November 12, 2022.

As a result, the profile of EVD is raised nationally, regionally, and internationally. **The EVD Concept and approach has enriched the climate and development discourse considerably, which we seek further to increase with this series of webinars.**

The current webinar is to share the achievements in various forms and build partnership from stakeholders to work on strengthen EVD as an alternative development pathway.

The Webinar is in the framework of an NGO Cooperation Project on Eco-Village Development in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The partners are: INSEDA (India), CRT/N (Nepal), Grameen Shakti (Bangladesh), IDEA (Sri Lanka), DIB (Denmark) in cooperation of networks of CANSA and INFORCE/ INFORCE-South Asia. The Projects and activities are supported by Civil Society in Development (CISU), Denmark.