

INFORSE CHARTER

International Network for Sustainable Energy

Vision

A world where energy services, necessary for a just and human centred development, are provided in a sustainable way using renewable energy.

Mission

INFORSE is a global network of independent non-governmental organisations working for sustainable energy solutions to protect the environment, and to reduce poverty.

Hence, INFORSE members are dedicated to achieve:

Environmental Protection

- Reduction of pollution to environmentally sustainable levels - including the emission of greenhouse gases - through increase in efficiency of current conventional energy production, conversion, transportation, distribution and use and through enhanced use of locally available renewable energy resources.
- Total phase-out of nuclear power

Poverty Reduction

- Equal access for all to energy services.
- Improve basis for income generation through renewable energy solutions, in particular for the poor.
- Increased efficiency and reduced pollution in utilization of traditional fuels to reduce drudgery of women.

Aims

INFORSE members have the following intermediate aims to fulfil the overall aims of the network:

Awareness Rising and Advocacy

- Communicate the experiences, know-how and visions of member organisations to the public and to international decision makers with the clear intention of influencing national and global energy development
- Promote greater participation among civil society organisations in the elaboration of energy strategies and policies and increase transparency in governmental and private sector energy activities
- Influence international institutions to strengthen activities to further renewable energy in sustainable development and creation of an international institution for sustainable energy

Capacity Building

- Enable politicians, government officials, NGOs, local communities and the business community to facilitate and utilise renewable energy options in particular through local solutions.
- Ensure local capacity in management, operation and control of energy services to facilitate a decentralisation of the energy sector.

Institutional Reform

- Reform the regulatory framework and market conditions to ensure a level playing field for renewable energy options.
- Integration of social and environmental costs in prices of energy services.
- Mobilise investment via innovative funding arrangements.

Research and Development

- Redirect energy-related research and development towards renewable energy technology and upgrade traditional technology, knowledge and skills.
- Enhance transfer and development of technology in development co-operation and programmes.

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