



# Promoting Pro - Poor, Low - Carbon Development Pathways with Gender Focus

Conference Debate at Climate Generation Area  
Parallel to UNFCCC COP21, Paris – Open to Public  
8 December, 2015 - Time: 11.00-12.30 - Salle 3

Welcome by the organisers

*Moderator: Gunnar Boye Olesen, INFORSE*

- Low-Carbon Development Strategies in India with focus on women and poverty reduction by Usha Nair, **All India Women Conference/INFORSE-South Asia**
- Low-Carbon Development Strategies in West Africa, energy for productive use with local resources by Isaac Kabongo; **CAN Uganda** and by Gunnar Boye Olesen (**INFORSE**) (instead of repr. ENDA-Energi/INFORSE West Africa)
- Presentation of the Policy Brief on low-carbon, pro-poor development strategies. by and Sarah Strack, **CAN International** and **Gunnar Boye Olesen, INFORSE.**
- Experiences from **Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS)**, by Ari Huhtala, representative of **LEDS**
- Low-carbon development strategies in implementation of the Paris agreement & short-term mitigation by Anoop Poonia, **CANSA**

**Dialogue:** Key lessons from promoting lowcarbon/low emission development strategies, gender perspective  
The transition to 100% renewable energy as a key component to eradicating poverty  
Future of low-carbon / low emission development strategies.

**Event theme:** The focus of the debate is to learn and discuss how lowcarbon development strategies can be promoted nationally and regionally, and how they can contribute to stronger implementation of the Paris agreements and increasing ambitions of the INDCs. It will also highlight the need to ensure that climate mitigation is pro-poor and gender-sensitive, thus including concerns for women in development. The experiences brought forward with the event are from civil society organisations active in Africa and South Asia, as well as from invited speakers from multi-stakeholder partnerships. Bringing these experiences from different parts of the world together will give room for a global knowledge exchange on how to promote and implement pro-poor low-carbon development pathways in different parts of the world and in different sectors of society. The solutions promoted in the strategies include local solutions that are achievable by communities living in poverty and conditions that render them vulnerable, and that are benefitting women as well as men in an equitable way. The presentations and knowledge-sharing will lead to dialogues on how lowcarbon development strategies can be used to achieve sustainable development gains through enhanced climate action, including solutions and governance frameworks that can raise ambitions of climate actions beyond the Paris agreements and the INDCs.

**Event goal:** To highlight pro-poor co-benefits of the low-carbon developments, including benefits for women and children that are hit by poverty, as well as the sustainability of the solutions, leading to a lasting reduction of poverty-related problems. To explain how an accelerated transition to 100% renewable energy as part of low-carbon development strategies can help achieve substantial progress in social and economic development, while increasing resilience to climate impacts. To highlight proposals for good governance structures to maintain the low-carbon development in the long run, nationally and regionally. To offer a knowledge-sharing forum, where civil society and all relevant stakeholders can learn from each other and start ongoing cooperation on low-carbon developments. To improve decision-makers' and negotiators' understanding of the values and implementability of pro-poor low carbon development solutions, and the benefits of international support for this, using results of international climate negotiations, such as the Green Climate Fund. To contribute to improved policies on low carbon development, promoting increased ambition of the INDCs with more ambitious targets, and increased emphasis on poverty reduction and faster implementation.



The event is organised by  
All India Women's Conference in cooperation  
with INFORSE, CAN, and others.

More: <http://www.inforse.org/africa/Low-Carbon-Strategies.htm>

More: <http://www.inforse.org/asia/Low-Carbon-Strategies.htm>