



“A Tribute to the International Women’s Day 2021”

Webinar on

ROLE OF WOMEN IN BUILDING AN ENERGY CONSCIOUS SOCIETY

Date and Time: 10 March 2021 from 2.45-4.15 pm

Background

Energy plays a vital role in poverty eradication, economic growth, sustainable infrastructure development of any country. Women play an important role as agents of change. Bangladesh is not an exception. With remarkable progress in economic development and poverty alleviation, Bangladesh has already set a clear guiding path towards prosperity and human development. Development in power sector is still mostly treated as gender-neutral, based on the assumption that energy impacts men and women in similar ways leading to “gender-blind” initiatives. However, women and men often have distinct variation in relation to energy production and usage patterns.

Bangladesh has met all the criteria to graduate to ‘Developing country’ from ‘low income country (LDC) status’ this year. It is also important that the development trajectory is sustainable through environmentally sound, equitable and economic provision of energy for the longer term. Development of a society, which is equally energy conscious and promotes responsible generation and use of energy is thus crucial. Gender should be considered as ‘critical element’ towards designing that path and sustaining impact, since ‘women’ are the ‘key enabler’ in development of such a conducive society.

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency is one of the core areas of German Development Cooperation in Bangladesh. The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programme (REEEP II) is a bilateral technical cooperation programme between German and Bangladesh Government, implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). REEEP II works with Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR), Government of Bangladesh to strengthen its efforts for sustainable energy development. Together with public, private and civil society actors, the programme provides strategic advice and implementation support for a national level awareness campaign on energy efficiency and conservation as well as smooth implementation of National Solar Rooftop Programme under Net Metering Guideline. Capacity Development of relevant government agencies, private sector and civil society actor are one of the core interventions of REEEP II Programme. Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA) is the Executive Agency of REEEP II Programme on behalf of the Bangladesh Government.



The Webinar is organized by SREDA in collaboration with GIZ Bangladesh.

Objective of the Webinar

- Understanding the nexus between Gender and Clean Energy
- Exploring how access to energy impacts women
- Learning the gender dimensions of energy consumption, and context in Bangladesh
- Understanding the need to include gender dimensions in power sector policy making
- Understanding the role of women in developing a society with responsible energy use

Expected attendees

- Officials from SREDA, Power Ministry and utilities
- Officials from relevant Government Ministries
- Development Partners
- Private Sector
- Civil Society
- Project Managers / Gender Focal Persons from national and international programmes

Format

- Welcome address from SREDA
- Keynote presentation
- Moderated panel discussion
- Question and answer session
- Guidance from Dignitaries
- Closing remarks from the Chair

Opening Remarks

- Ms. Salima Jahan, Member (Joint Secretary), Renewable Energy, SREDA

Keynote Presentation

- Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Director, Global Women's Network for Energy Transition (GWNENET)

The Panelists

- Ms. Farzana Mamtaz, Member (Joint Secretary), Energy Efficiency and Conservation, SREDA
- Ms. Tanuja Bhattacharjee, Energy Specialist, The World Bank
- Ms. Asma Huque, Managing Director, Prokousholi Sangshad Limited



Special Guests

- Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Secretary, Power Division, MPEMR
- Mr. Md. Sayedul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA)
- Dr. Angelika Fleddermann, Country Director, GIZ Bangladesh

Chief Guest

- Ms. Zuena Aziz, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs), Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

Chair

- Mr. Mohammad Alauddin, Chairman, Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA), Power Division, Government of Bangladesh

Mode

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 – the webinar will be conducted via virtual medium, through the software Microsoft Teams. Invited attendees will be briefed about joining the workshop prior to the event. Housekeeping Rules will be communicated during the webinar.

The webinar will be recorded and further shared in SREDA website and official social media channels.

Webinar Moderation

- Mr. Al Mudabbir Bin Anam, Programme Coordinator, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programme, GIZ Bangladesh