

Solar Irrigation for Agricultural Resilience (SoLAR)

Inception Workshop

21-22 January 2020

Venue: Yellow River Auditorium, IWMI, Colombo

Day 1: 21 st January 2020		
8:30-9:00	Registration	
9:00-10:30	Session 1: Inaugural Session Session Chair: Mark Smith, Deputy Director General, IWMI, Sri Lanka Session Rapporteur: Vishnu Pandey, IWMI, Nepal	
9:00-9:05	Welcome address and about IWMI	Claudia Sadoff, Director General, IWMI
9:05-9:10	Welcome address and about SDC	Marylaure Crettaz Corredor, Head of SDC, Swiss Embassy New Delhi
9:10-9:20	About the SoLAR project	Aditi Mukherji, IWMI
	Brief remarks on the relevance of the SoLAR project for the South Asia region:	
9:20-9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangladesh 	S. M. Monirul Islam, Deputy CEO, IDCOL
9:30-9:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India 	J.K. Jethani, Director, MNRE
9:40-9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nepal 	Madhukar P. Rajbhandari, Director General, DWRI
9:50-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pakistan 	Bashir Ahmad, Director CEWRI, PARC,
10:00-10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Solar Alliance 	Rakesh Kumar, Program Director, ISA
10:10-10:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A 	All
10:25-10:30	Signing of MOU between ISA and IWMI	ISA and IWMI
10:30-11:00	Group Photo and Tea Break	
11:00-12:30	Session 2: Work Plan for Work package 1 – Generating evidence for achieving Outcome 1 Session Chair: Soumya Balasubramanya, IWMI, Sri Lanka Rapporteur: Farah Ahmed, IWMI, India	
11:00-11:20	Impact evaluation of IDCOL SIPs in Bangladesh	Md. Enamul Karim Pavel, IDCOL; Md. Sarwar Hossain, BADC; Ashok Kumar Biswas, DAE; Aditi Mukherji and Marie Charlotte Buisson, IWMI
11:20-11:30	Q&A for Bangladesh team	
11:30-11:50	Gujarat's SKY Program and its Impact evaluation	Anita P. Zula, Government of Gujarat; R.J. Vala, GUVNL; Akhilesh Magal, GERMI; Shilp Verma, IWMI
11:50-12:00	Q&A for India team	
12:00 -12:20	Impact evaluation of AEPC and other SIPs in Nepal	

12:20-12:30	Q&A for Nepal team	Vishnu Pandey and Kashi Kafle, IWMI; L.P. Ghimire and C.P Chaudhary, AEPC; Dipak Bhardwaj, DOA, GoN
12:30 -13:30	Lunch IWMI Cafeteria	
13:30-15:30	Session 3: Work Plan for Work package 2 – Innovative pilots for achieving Outcome 2 Session Chair: Mohsin Hafeez, IWMI, Pakistan Rapporteur: Md. Faiz Alam, IWMI, India	
13:30-13:50	Proposed grid connected SIP pilot in Bangladesh	Kazi Ahsan Uddin, Md. Belal Siddique, Farzana Rahman, IDCOL
13:50-14:00	Q&A for Bangladesh team	
14:00-14:20	Pilot on institutional modalities of SKY feeders	Shilp Verma, IWMI; Akhilesh Magal, GERMI
14:20-14:30	Q&A for India team	
14:30-14:50	Proposed grid connected SIP pilot in Nepal	Sagar Gyawali and Sagita Giri, NEA; L.P Ghimire and C.P Chaudhary, AEPC;
14:50-15:00	Q&A for Nepal team	Vishnu Pandey, IWMI
15:00-15:20	Proposed grid connected SIP pilot in Pakistan	Azeem Shah, IWMI; Tahir Anwar, FWMC
15:20-15:30	Q&A for Pakistan Team	
15:30-16:00	Tea break	
16:00-17:30	Session 4: Innovation funds Session Chair: Divya Sharma, SDC, India Rapporteur and Facilitator: Farah Ahmed, IWMI, India	
16:00-16:10	Innovation funds: The concept	Shilp Verma, IWMI
16:10-17:10	Group activity for brainstorming on types of innovations to be funded	All
17:10-17:30	Selection procedure and governance mechanism for Innovation Funds	Alok Sikka, IWMI, India
18:00-20:30	Reception Dinner	Water's Edge (Buses will leave IWMI at 18:00 hours)
Day 2: 22nd January 2020		
8:30-10:30	Session 5: Work Plan for Groundwater Thematic Group – for achieving outcomes 1 and 2 Session Chair: Stefan Uhlenbrook, IWMI, Italy Rapporteur: Gitta Shrestha, IWMI, Nepal	
8:30-9:00	Proposed groundwater workplan in Bangladesh and India	Alok Sikka, Md. Faiz Alam, Paul Pavelic, IWMI
9:00-9:20	Q&A for Bangladesh and India team	
9:20-9:40	Proposed groundwater workplan in Pakistan	Arif Anwar, Azeem Shah, IWMI
9:40-9:50	Q&A for Pakistan team	
9:50-10:10		Petra Schmitter and Thai Minh, IWMI

10:10-10:30	Groundwater, agricultural water management and solar irrigation pumps: IWMI's innovations from Africa Discussions	
10:30-11:00	Tea Break	
11:00-12:00	Session 6: Work Plan for Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Thematic Group for achieving outcomes 1 and 2 Session Chair: Deepa Joshi, WLE/IWMI, Sri Lanka Rapporteur: Vishnu Pandey IWMI, Nepal	
11:00-11:30	GESI work plan – Nepal and Regional	Gitta Shrestha and Manohara Khadka, IWMI
11:30-12:00	Q&A and Discussions	
12:00-13:00	Lunch IWMI Cafeteria	
13:00-14:15	Session 7: Work Plan for WP3: Knowledge sharing, and Capacity Building for achieving Outcome 3 Session Chair: Alok Sikka, IWMI, India Rapporteur and Facilitator: Farah Ahmed, IWMI, India	
13:00-13:10	Proposed plans for Regional Forums and Trainings	Aditi Mukherji, IWMI
13:10-14:00	Facilitated group work	
14:00-14:15	Findings from group work	Farah Ahmed
14:15-15:00	Session 8: Concluding session Session Chair: Marylaure Crettaz Corredor, SDC, India Rapporteur: Azeem Shah, IWMI, Pakistan	
14:15-14:30	Consolidated work plan and way ahead	Aditi Mukherji, IWMI
14:30-14:40	Closing remarks, IWMI	Mark Smith, DDG, IWMI
14:40-14:50	Closing remarks, SDC	Divya Sharma, SDC, India
14:50-15:00	Vote of thanks	Vishnu Pandey, IWMI
15:00-15:30	Tea Break	
15:30-17:30	1st Project Steering Committee Meeting	Project Steering Committee members (Ganges Room)

Abbreviations: AEPC: Alternative Energy Promotion Centre, Nepal; CWERI, PARC: Climate, Energy & Water Research Institute, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council; DWRI: Department of Water Resources and Irrigation, Nepal; FWMC: Federal Water Management Cell, Pakistan; GERMI: Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute, India ; GUVNL: Gujarat Urja Vikash Nigam Limited, India; IDCOL: Infrastructure Development Company, Bangladesh; ISA: International Solar Alliance; IWMI: International Water Management Institute; MNRE: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India; NEA: Nepal Electricity Authority, Nepal; SDC: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation