

## REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON GENDER AND ENERGY RAIPUR, 2018

### What drives the switch to modern energy? : Linkages and gender implications

Host: The Energy and Resources Institute

Date: 12th October (Friday), 2018

Registration: 9:45 AM

Venue: Hyatt, Magneto the Mall, N.H. 6, Labhandi, Raipur, Chhattisgarh 492001

#### Background

The Beijing Declaration (1995) identified the need for inclusion of women's priorities in public investment programmes for economic infrastructure, such as electrification, energy conservation, water, and sanitation. More recently, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 7 and SDG 5, are encouraging national and international initiatives globally towards providing access to 'affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all' and in achieving 'gender equality and empowering women and girls'. While there is a growing body of evidence indicating improved living conditions of women and children, and contributions to the overall economic well-being of families through access to modern energy services, what has not been fully explored are the gendered implications. For instance there is a gap in understanding how energy related decision making within household impacts the household's motivation to adopt modern sources of energy, and how ownership of certain kinds of appliances can be considered as a good proxy to indicate pathways of women empowerment. Hence, it is important to have a dialogue around the diversified thoughts and opinions about existing linkages, evidences and gaps to understand the various facets of energy access, transition to modern energy and women's empowerment.

With this background, The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), with an overarching objective of strengthening and promoting research and action on the issues of gender in the development, delivery and use of modern energy, is hosting a half day regional workshop in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. This workshop aims to brainstorm and initiate a dialogue on unbundling the complexities of energy's impact on women and the gendered implications of how energy related decision making within a household impacts the household's motivation to adopt modern sources of energy.

This regional workshop will also benefit from the on-going 'Gender and Energy Research Programme' of ENERGIA and a collaborative 'Cooperation project' undertaken by TERI, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and Integrated Research and Action for development (IRADe) under this program. The central theme of this collaboration project concerns the linkages between energy use, women's empowerment and the drivers and barriers for the uptake of modern forms of energy in a household. The results of the study are drawn from surveys and discussions conducted in Raipur, Mahasamand and Baloda Bazar districts of Chhattisgarh. This workshop will draw around 20-25 experts from leading national academia, regional policy makers and practitioners, and civil society members working in the gender and energy sector and beyond to deliberate and discuss relevant issues and create a space for dialogue on the context through which gender equality and empowerment ensues in the energy sector.

## Workshop Agenda

<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00 -10:20</b>	<b>Welcome Address: Mr Debajit Palit</b> , Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi
	<b>Special Address: Mr Sanjeev Jain</b> , Chhattisgarh Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA), Raipur
<b>10:20 – 11.20</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Drivers of Adoption of Modern Energy: Perspectives from Chhattisgarh</b></p> <p><i>Presentation of results from a collaborative study by TERI-IISD-IRADe that explores synergies between energy use, women’s empowerment and the drivers and barriers for the uptake of modern forms of energy in a household. The results of the study are drawn from surveys conducted in Raipur, Mahasamand and Baloda Bazar districts of Chhattisgarh.</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Dr Amitabh Pandey</b>, Professor, Department of Sociology and Community Development, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> <b>Dr Mini Govindan</b>, Fellow and <b>Mr Deborshi Brahmachari</b>, Associate Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> <b>Mr Chandrashekar Singh</b>, Senior Research Analyst, Integrated Research and Action for Development, New Delhi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Open discussion</p>
<b>11:20 - 11.40</b>	<b>Tea/coffee &amp; networking</b>
<b>11:40 – 13.00</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Household Energy Use: Linkages and Gender Implications</b></p> <p><i>There is a growing body of evidence indicating improved living conditions of women and children, and contributions to the overall economic well-being of households through access to modern energy services. The session will examine how far the electricity’s services and use of LPG for cooking in the households has enabled women’s wellbeing and empowerment in Chhattisgarh and how gendered energy policies can entail better outcomes.</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Mr Debajit Palit</b>, Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> <b>Ms Maneesha Sharma</b>, Director, Sankalp Sanskritik Samiti  <b>Ms Ritu S Jain</b>, MD, SR Corporate Consultant Private Limited, Raipur  <b>Dr Ravindra Brahme</b>, Professor, School of Studies in Economics, Pt Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur  <b>Dr Ajay Kumar Singh</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Forestry, Wildlife &amp; Environmental Sciences, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur  <b>Dr Pushpraj Singh</b>, Associate Professor &amp; Head, Department of Rural Technology and Social Development, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur</p>
<b>13:00 – 13.10</b>	<b>Concluding remarks</b>
<b>13.10</b>	<b>Lunch</b>