



National Launch of South Asia Women in Power Sector Professional Network (WePOWER) - India Partnership Forum

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Tentative Agenda

16:30 - 17:00 Hrs	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank - Reji Kumar Pillai, President, India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) <p>Keynote Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative from the Secretary, Ministry of Power* - Representative from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy*
17:00 - 17:15 Hrs	<p>Session 1: Introduction to WePOWER</p> <p>Theme Presentation by World Bank and Asian Development Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maria Beatriz Orlando, Lead Social Development Specialist, World Bank - Francesco Tornieri, Principal Social Development Specialist (GAD), Asian Development Bank
17:15 - 18:00 Hrs	<p>Session 2: Expanding Job Opportunities in India's Clean Energy Transition</p> <p><i>India is investing significantly in clean energy as well as grid modernization and digitalization of utilities. Job profiles in the Indian power sector are evolving with more emphasis on renewable energy technologies and digitalization. Power sector companies must attract and retain talented women professionals to meet the talent pool required to transform the sector. The power sector remains one of the least gender-diverse sectors in the country and systematically closing the gender employment gap will be vital for its sustainability. The panel of eminent speakers will share their views on how a diverse talent pool can be mobilized to accelerate India's clean energy transition.</i></p> <p>Moderator(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simon J. Stolp, Practice Manager, South Asia Energy, World Bank <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tripta Thakur, Director General, National Power Training Institute - Suman Sharma, MD, Solar Energy Corporation of India* - Sanjay Banga, President, The Tata Power Company Limited - Praveen Saxena, Chief Executive Officer, Skill Council for Green Jobs - MSD Bhattamisra, Executive Director HR, National Thermal Power Corporation* <p>Q&A</p> <p>Concluding Remarks and Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pradeep Perera, Officer-in-Charge, Energy Division, South Asia Regional Department, ADB
18:00 - 18:15 Hrs	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guangzhe Chen, Regional Director for Infrastructure, South Asia, World Bank - Takeo Konishi, Country Director, Asian Development Bank - Reena Suri, Executive Director, ISGF

* Invited and awaiting confirmation