

What's happening in household energy?

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Leading Issues on the HEDON website

This is the first edition of Boiling Point since it formally became part of the HEDON Household Energy Network. In view of this exciting union, HEDON has been developing the website over the last few months. The aim is to expand the website into an interactive knowledge base for all those that are interested in household energy.

There has been the creation of a comprehensive database of information and resources on a number of leading issues in the Household Energy Sector. These include:

- Climate Change
- Forestry
- Health
- Gender
- Market creation
- Policy
- Monitoring and Evaluation

The pages can be found at www.hedon.info/goto.php/LeadingIssues.

If you would like to contribute on any of the topics listed please don't hesitate to contact: fran@ecoharmony.com.

Getting involved in the HEDON Household Energy Network

Would you like to become an active member of this fascinating network? HEDON has now created a 'volunteer' page with ideas of how you can get involved. Volunteers of all levels of experience can help, there are tasks designed for everyone who has an interest in household energy issues.

HEDON is addressing the issues associated with household energy 'head on' and needs volunteers with all sorts of skills to help build, maintain and get the most out of our site and services. The work you do can make a real impact for those living in poverty and help to improve life for those whose homes are made dangerous and unwelcoming due

to smoke. Energy technologies need to be improved, not just to reduce smoke, but to make stoves more efficient, thus reducing deforestation, giving women improved choice, learning about other fuels such as biofuels, which can be faster and cleaner - there is so much to do.

HEDON needs volunteers of all experiences to help to build this "exciting-and-full-of-useful-people-and-information" network, just visit the volunteer page on HEDON (www.hedon.info/goto.php/Volunteer). By dedicating some of your valuable time and effort you can join a team of people whose focus is on two of the most vulnerable groups - women and children.

For those who are not experts but would like to help there a range of possible activities that take from less than half an hour to as long as you want! For example, you can comment on various topics in the knowledge base, join HEDON yourself, help us to prepare the monthly HEDON newsletter by providing us with interesting events and news, adopt a page in the knowledge base, help update funding profiles, or help us translate the website topics into French and Spanish.

For those that have greater experience in the household energy sector there are also a wide range of activities to get involved in. For example, identify and contact community groups from our HEDON Groups, write a Knowledge Base article on policy frameworks, prepare and improve materials related to household energy for use by educational institutes, help us to update the articles on traditional cooking devices, ethanol, grid electricity or create articles on renewable energy technologies in the knowledge base.

HEDON Associate Programme created

In order to build the capacity of young professionals to develop effective household energy projects, and increase regional participation, the HE-

DON Household Energy Network has launched the HEDON Associate Programme. For more information please visit the HEDON knowledge bank at www.hedon.info for details of programme benefits, requirements, duties and the application procedure.

Profiles of current HEDON Associates

Jose Edgar Villalobos-Enciso

Jose Edgar Villalobos-Enciso is a Ph. D. Candidate for Louisiana State University, USA, researching "Web-Based, GIS/Remote Sensing Watershed Modeling for Mesoamerica", which aims to predict floods in near real time. After graduating as a Civil Engineer in 1983 he worked at the International Boundary and Waters Commission between Mexico and Guatemala for 12 years. After completing an M. Sc. at the IHE Delft in 1996-8, he joined the Civil Engineering School at the Universidad Autonoma de Chiapas in Mexico, where he has developed projects and workshops regarding: cookstoves; dry latrines; fog collection; flux materials analysis, and river basin management.

Dr. Karabi Dutta

Karabi Dutta is the Project Coordinator at Appropriate Rural Technology Institute (ARTI), Pune, India. She primarily works on household energy and health projects, with a special interest in Indoor Air Pollution. She was introduced to this subject about 7 years ago, and since then it has developed into a passion and a mission to spread the awareness about Indoor Air Pollution and Health.

Mamadou Fall

Mamadou Fall has academic qualifications in rural development, energy, sanitation, MSW and wastewater management and treatment. He has more than ten years experience in household energy issues with an informed understanding of Sahelian area sustainable energy policy, working for SEMIS (Service de l'Energie en Milieu Sahélien) in decentralised rural electrification for household and ru-

ral infrastructure and leading projects at the water, sanitation and environmental consultants 'H2O Engineering'.

HEDON Launches CleanAirSIG: the special interest group on Clean Indoor Air

Special Interest Groups or SIGs are thematic groupings of HEDON members, and are new initiatives being introduced to the HEDON community. SIGs aim to:

- Connect people with other people for mutual benefit.
- Promote increased and more effective cooperation between people working in key household energy sectors.
- Leverage financial and other resources by building innovative partnerships.
- Act as a premier source of knowledge and voice.

Activities

- CleanAirSIG connects members from around the world through an email discussion list. Members have access to the list archives and other member resources.
- CleanAirSIG will organise regular online conferences and discussions to share knowledge and build capacities.

Join CleanAirSIG

If you would like to join CleanAirSIG please visit the community pages at www.hedon.info.

CleanAirSIG is kindly sponsored by Shell Foundation.

Bolivia launches national campaign for clean cooking energy

Within the next three years 100, 000 households in Bolivia will cook smoke-free. This is the aim of the ambitious campaign "Cocinas para una vida mejor" recently launched by the Bolivian Minister of Public Works and the German and Dutch Embassies.

Around 9.5 million people live in Bolivia, more than half of them in rural areas. 75% of the rural population use wood as cooking fuel for their daily

meals. To reach a wide range of households with different socio-economic backgrounds different technologies, such as Rocket stoves, improved Lorena stoves (named Malena), solar cookers and gas stoves will be promoted. The total cost of the campaign will be about US\$ 7.5 million.

For more information visit:

<http://www.hedon.info/goto.php/871/news.htm>

The latest PCIA Bulletin is available for download: Issue 11 April 2007

In this issue, you will hear from NGOs and international agencies about their commitments to bring cleaner fuels and technologies to people living in the most extreme circumstances - refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and other populations in need of humanitarian assistance. Ensuring that refugees and IDPs not only have food to survive but the means to prepare it has long been a challenge in need of workable solutions. The circumstances of refugee settings are particularly challenging: fuelwood and other biomass resources are scarce to nonexistent, gender-based violence is rampant, and the sheer number of families in need is daunting. Solutions for these settings must be large in scale and require strong coordination among aid agencies.

To download the PCIA Bulletin go to:

<http://www.hedon.info/goto.php/886/news.htm>

Indoor Air Pollution and Health gets boost at preparatory meeting for Commission for Sustainable Development 15

Energy for sustainable development is the main theme of CSD 14 (review session) and CSD 15 (policy session). The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) took place at a technical level in New York from 26 February to 2 March 2007, deciding on policy recommendations for negotiations during CSD-15. WHO, GTZ, Practical Action, the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Partnership for Clean Indoor Air held a side-event "Healthy and affordable household energy - let's scale up

what works!" at the German House in New York. The side-event was attended by approximately 40 participants almost all of whom engaged in the subsequent discussions.

For more information visit:

<http://www.hedon.info/goto.php/857/news.htm>

The latest Asia Regional Cookstove Program, (ARECOP), proceedings are now available online

The proceedings of the ARECOP second phase III Planning Technical Advisory meeting 2007 (January 22-25 January, 2007, Chiang Mai, Thailand) are available to download. Find out more at:

<http://www.hedon.info/goto.php/887/news.htm>

Asia Regional Workshop on Solar Cooking and Food Processing

The Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal (CRT/N), Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC), Foundation for Sustainable Technologies (FoST) and International Solar Cookers Association (ISCA) organised the Asia Regional Workshop in Nepal in April 2007.

The main objective of the workshop is to promote the solar cooking and food processing in Asia region as well as share best practices on solar cooking and food processing from the international, regional and national community. Besides this, the workshop will also provide a forum for sharing of experiences and expertise on various solar cooking and food processing technologies among the participants, experts and business enterprises.

Further information will be available at: www.hedon.info.

"Where Energy Is Women's Business", a new book from ENERGIA

National and Regional Reports from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific.

Find out more at:

<http://www.hedon.info/goto.php/890/news.htm>