

Energy Planning and Management Guidelines for Mountain Districts

Strengthening decentralized energy planning and management in the Indian Himalaya calls for developing methodologies field tested in the Himalaya; case study materials for training generalist district level planners and managers and above all nurturing the training capacity of potential training institutions. This has been identified as the second phase programme for ICIMOD which will be developed as a regional programme for Bhutan, China, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

This regional project will field test guidelines for District Energy Planning and Management with case studies and thus prepare a curriculum for training in energy planning and management at the district level.

About ICIMOD

The fundamental motivation for the founding of this first International Centre in the field of mountain area development was widespread recognition of the alarming environmental degradation of mountain habitats, and consequent increasing impoverishment of mountain communities. A coordinated and systematic effort on an international scale was deemed essential to design and implement more effective development responses to promote the sustained well-being of mountain communities.

The establishment of the Centre is based upon an agreement signed in 1981 between His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). The Centre was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Nepal in December 1983, and began its professional activities in September 1984.

The Centre, located in Kathmandu, enjoys the status of an autonomous international organisation. Participating countries of the Hindu Kush-Himalaya Region are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

About TERI

The Tata Energy Research Institute was founded in 1974 to tackle and deal with the immense and acute problems that mankind is likely to be faced within the years ahead on account of the gradual depletion of earth's finite and largely non-renewable energy sources and the existing polluting methods of their use.

In the first few years of its inception in 1974, the Institute concentrated on extra-mural funding, disseminating information and demonstrating renewable energy technologies. Since 1983 the Institute has focussed on a number of in-house research projects in a wide range of subjects dealing with the applications of renewable energy systems to rural areas, of microbiology to waste utilization, of biotechnology to agriculture and forestry and on energy-economic-environment issues. The Institute is also engaged in the conduct of a number of training programmes on behalf of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India and various international organisations.

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