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PUBLICATIONS

Training Manual for SODIS Promotion EAWAG/SANDEC 2006

Based on experiences with solar water disinfection (SODIS) projects carried out in more than 20 countries worldwide, this manual provides guidelines for organisations in planning the promotion and dissemination of similar projects in areas where people do not have access to safe drinking water. The manual can be downloaded from: http://www.sodis.ch/files/TrainingManual_sm.pdf

Integrating Indigenous and Gender Aspects in Natural Resource Management: Guidelines for Practitioners

WWE, IWGIA, KULU, Nepenthes & DIIS, 2005

This is a publication by the Network on Indigenous peoples, Gender and Natural Resource Management (IGNARM). The aim of the publication is to offer some conceptual and practical tools for improving natural resource management activities and to open a dialogue among practitioners as to how gender and indigenous concerns can best become an integrated part of any natural resource management process anywhere in the world. The publication can be downloaded at: <http://www.ignarm.dk/resources/resources.htm>

Beyond Firewood: Fuel alternatives and Protection Strategies for Displaced Women and Girls Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, 2006

The risks to women and girls during firewood collection have been well known for years. The Women's Commission for Displaced Women and Girls therefore initiated a project to investigate methods for reducing the vulnerability of displaced women and girls to gender-based violence during firewood collection. The project set out to assess alternative fuel options, firewood collection techniques and other protection strategies, appropriate to the local context and in all phases of an emergency. In accomplishing these goals, a researcher undertook desk reviews in various internally displaced persons camps worldwide and conducted site visits in Darfur, Sudan and in the Bhutanese refugee camps in eastern Nepal. The findings of this study in terms of physical protections strategies as well as alternative fuel sources for cooking are reported in this paper together with key recommendations. The paper can be downloaded from: <http://www.womenscommission.org/pdf/fuel.pdf>

Energizing the Millennium Development Goals: A Guide to Energy's Role in Reducing Poverty

UNDP, August 2005

While there is no Millennium Development Goal (MDG) specifically on energy, access to energy services is a prerequisite for achieving all eight MDGs. If viewed as an integral part of MDG strategies, energy can be an important instrument in helping promote economic growth, social equality and environmental sustainability. This booklet is intended as a guide for development practitioners and addresses some of the most pertinent issues regarding development and energy. It provides suggestions and examples on how to address energy within broader efforts to reach the MDGs while also highlighting gender and energy issues and providing examples. The document can be found at: http://www.undp.org/energy/docs2/ENRG-MDG_Guide_all.pdf

EVENTS

International Solar Cookers Conference Granada, Spain, 12-16 July 2006

The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers and practitioners to exchange knowledge and decide future actions and collaborations to spread access to solar cooking, water purification and related solar food processing applications. The goal is to reduce the health and environmental hazards linked to traditional open-fire cooking and the growing fuel shortages. The conference will also evaluate the requirements, technology, costs and benefits of solar cooking technologies. More information can be found at: www.solarconference.net

WEBSITES

www.solarfood.org is a new website that has been launched as a platform for dialogue and information exchange by the worldwide solar food community. It is an initiative by the International Solar Energy Society aimed at promoting and expanding the use and application of solar food processing and conservation technologies. The website is a free service to encourage interested individuals, organisations and companies to join this network and share information and become involved in developing existing activities and standards.

CALLS FOR ARTICLES

Women and Climate Change

Women and Environments International Magazine is seeking contributions for a forthcoming issue on women and climate change to be published in January 2007. The editors are in particular looking for case studies that analyse climate change from diverse gender perspectives. The areas of interest mentioned include gender perspectives on climate change related to energy and transportation, health and reproductive health, and human settlements and livelihoods. Within the sub-theme on instruments, submissions are sought on gender mainstreaming methods and tools, women's participation, leadership and empowerment, and young women's leadership. The deadline for abstracts and indications of interest is 15th June 2006, and for final manuscripts 30th August 2006. Editorial guidelines and further information are available on www.weimag.com

Gender and Energy Case Studies for CSD

The call for case studies on gender and energy, originally intended for use at CSD-14, has been extended to July 2006, as examples of best practices and illustrations of lessons learnt will also be presented at CSD-15, to be held from the 30th April to 11th May 2007. Submission information can be found at: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/casestudies/caseStudies.htm>

DONORS

USAID Calls for Energy Proposals

The US Agency for International Development's Energy Team has issued an Annual Program Statement concerning Innovative Approaches for Energy Markets and Enterprise Development. This call for proposals related to a broad array of energy interventions including household energy, electricity access and energy sector governance. The closing date is September 30, 2006. More information can be found at: <http://www.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do>

ENERGIANET

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Next Issue

This issue of ENERGIA News focuses on the linkages between gender, energy and urban poverty. It is based largely on the findings of the DFID KaR funded research project on “Enabling urban poor livelihoods policy making – the role of energy services” and also draws on other similar research. The cases reviewed in this issue examine some of the linkages between energy and poverty in urban settings with a special emphasis on the gender aspects.

The next issue of ENERGIA News will be on gender and productive uses of energy and energy enterprises. The issue will focus on Asia and highlight some of the work being carried out by ENERGIA partners in the region. If you have an interesting case study from Asia that illustrates the links between gender and productive uses of energy, please contact us or send us an abstract and we will get in touch with you.

ENERGIA also welcomes your contributions on gender and sustainable energy topics for future issues of ENERGIA News. The length of articles or case studies should be around 850 words for a one-page article or 1500 words for a two-page contribution that includes an illustration or two. Please remember to send photographs and/or other illustrations to accompany your feature together with captions and credits. Guidelines for writing articles can be obtained from the ENERGIA Secretariat or downloaded from ENERGIA's website.

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ENERGIA's approach is to seek to identify needed activities and actions through its membership, and then to encourage, and if possible assist, members and their institutions to undertake decentralised initiatives. ENERGIA News is the principle vehicle for this approach. The focus is on practice, with a conscious effort to interpret and learn from this practice.

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