

Phase II

10th Talk Series

Transitioning to Modern Energy for Cooking

Engaging Women

A GAMECHANGER

27th July 2023

1600-1700 Hrs IST | 1130-1230 Hrs BST



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About the 10th Talk Session

Globally 2.6 billion people lack access to clean cooking solutions, contributing to more than 4 million premature deaths each year. The primary cooking responsibility is largely held by women globally and thus, women bear a disproportionate share of the impact in the form of poor health and safety, as well as lost productivity and well-being. Every day, millions of women around the world breathe in toxic smoke while cooking and spend hours walking far distances to procure firewood etc. The regular use of unclean fuels leads to adverse impacts on their health like pulmonary, and heart diseases, as well as economic impacts.

Engaging women in enabling the Transition to Modern Energy based clean cooking can be a game-changer! Active engagement of women across the value chain can significantly advance the transition to the use of cleaner energy for cooking and would result in Gender Equality, Economic empowerment, health & well-being for women and can also lead to user-centric innovations, knowledge sharing and learning support.

The session will focus on the critical role of women in achieving universal access to clean cooking and the importance of engaging them in establishing an inclusive sector with an enabling and user-centric environment to support a robust and sustainable clean cooking industry. Further, the session will explore successful models of engaging women in the clean cooking and energy access sectors, prevalent gaps and challenges.

About MECS Programme & Talk Series

MECS Programme is a UK Aid (FCDO) funded global research programme led by Loughborough University and the World Bank's Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP). By integrating modern energy cooking services into the planning for electricity access, quality, reliability, and sustainability, MECS hopes to leverage investment in renewable energies (both grid and off-grid) to address the clean cooking challenge. MECS is implementing a strategy focused on including the cooking needs of households in the investment and action on 'access to affordable, reliable, sustainable modern energy for all'. Globally, MECS is now well established as a prominent programme in the clean cooking domain and has also become a strong and active player in India. The programme is also supporting India to emerge as a Global Hub for manufacturing clean cooking devices for domestic and international markets, aligned to the **Atmanirbhar Bharat** and **Make in India** mission while focusing on the shift to modern energy cooking within India which is also one of the objectives of the **GoElectric** campaign launched by the Government of India.

The Talk Series has evolved into a crucial platform for promoting the adoption of modern energy for cooking. It has successfully united stakeholders from the clean cooking domain and related sectors to engage in discussions surrounding the challenges, opportunities, and essential elements of the Modern Energy-based Clean Cooking Sector. The Talk series is thoughtfully structured in phases, with each phase consisting of 12 sessions. The 1st Phase has been successfully concluded with 12 sessions. Now we are on the 10th session of Phase II.

Session Flow

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TIME IST/BST	TOPIC	PANELIST
1600 / 1130 hrs	Welcome & Introduction	Ms Sheetal Rastogi , Cofounder, Finovista (In-Country Partner, MECS Programme in India)
1605 / 1135 hrs	Special Address	Dr Tripta Thakur , Director General, National Power Training Institute
1615/ 1145 hrs	Special Address	Ms Silvia Sartori , Senior Consultant E Co.
1625 / 1155 hrs	Panel Discussion – Engaging Women can be a GAMECHANGER Moderator – Dr Joni Cook , Communication Officer, MECS Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Ritu Singh, Deputy General Manager, Energy Efficiency Service Limited- Ms Reena Suri, Executive Director, India Smart Grid forum- Ms Aarthi Kanodia, Director, RealFlame / Pearl Print Pack Pvt Limited
1655 / 1225 hrs	Q&A Session	