

## Solar cooking helps nations reduce CO2 emissions

### *SCI advocacy team engages nations at the United Nations 10 – 19 July 2017*



SCI Global Advisor Dr. Mrs. Janak Palta McGilligan and SCI Executive Director Julie Greene attend the opening of the United Nations High-Level Political Forum (UN HLPF).

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### **3 Actions: 8 Countries**

During two weeks of high-intensity meetings at the UN in New York, SCI's team will **powerfully advocate for three main actions:**

1. Train public health practitioners and physicians during individual patient-provider interactions to address household air pollution (HAP) by promoting clean, sustainable solar cooking solutions.
2. Prioritize sustainable solar cooking solutions that improve human and environmental health and help achieve all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Prioritize the survey proposed by the World Health Organization (WHO) for evaluating household energy use (the survey includes solar cooking) and SDGs 7.1.1 and 7.1.2.

## The 8 countries are

**Afghanistan | Brazil | Ethiopia | India | Kenya | Nepal | Nigeria | Zimbabwe**

SCI selected these countries for particular focus from the 44 that are presenting Voluntary National Review (VNR) reports at this two-week High-Level Political Forum. Criteria for selection included national solar cooking history, insolation levels, economic vulnerability, and other factors.

## “How does the SCI team work at the UN?”

Months of planning precede an important meeting like the HLPF. The team, which includes volunteer reps in New York, SCI's staff, board members and SCI Global Advisors, began planning for this meeting in January. SCI selected key messages, wrote and submitted statements, and prioritized meetings for important networking. SCI boosted public relations through UN and international media connections to spread SCI's key actions. The message: solar cooking improves human health and reduces CO2 emissions.

The team regroups and debriefs each day, adjusts strategies, and arrives at the UN at 7:30 am each day for another 12-hour opportunity to share with national leaders how solar cooking helps them meet their health and environmental goals for their citizens.

## We need your help with these UN advocacy efforts.

- Please contact your nation representatives and urge them to include SCI's 3 actions for sustainable cooking in their VNRs (see list above). This is the most powerful way for you to impact global solar cooking, improve human health and reduce CO2 emissions.
- Follow SCI on [Facebook](#) and Twitter [@Solarcookersint](#).
- Share these UN updates with your colleagues.
- Like and retweet.
- Next, watch the meetings live stream on the official [UN TV channel](#). When you tune in and hear discussion of solar cooking, **email the name of the country and the speaker to [info@solarcookers.org](mailto:info@solarcookers.org)**. And use your own social media as a teaching opportunity to let people know that free, sustainable, no-emission solar cooking can help nations meet their CO2 emissions reduction goals.

SCI is honored to welcome internationally renowned SCI Global Advisor Dr. Mrs. Janak Palta McGilligan of India to the New York team for this event. Her powerful experience with solar cooking and sustainability makes her a valuable advocacy team member. SCI thanks an anonymous donor for providing travel funds to make this visit possible.

Thank you for all your efforts to help promote solar cooking to important global leaders in vulnerable regions of the world. – *Julie Greene, Executive Director*

*The SCI team will be on UN grounds and in meetings 10 – 19 July. During this time, SCI will read and act on emails as soon as possible; however, email response time will be slow. Thank you in advance for your patience.*

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