

## Main Issues / Theme of the Workshop:

- Technology development and transfer (mainly relating to solar cooking and food processing at the household level and commercial applications)
- Addressing Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Food processing and enterprise development through solar cooking/heating
- Impacts of technology - gender perspective
- Policies and dissemination strategies
- Health improvement and environment conservation
- Meeting needs of the refugees and disaster management
- Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) as potential source for funding solar cooking projects

## Networking Opportunity:

Asia Regional Solar Cooking and Food Processing Workshop provides an ideal forum for the national, regional and international participants/experts to share on the various solar cooking policies and promotional efforts including technologies developed in this field and its transfer. Similarly, possibility of collaborative partnership and business ventures within the Asia Region and international forum will also be facilitated through joint initiatives for the transfer of already proven technologies in the respective countries.

## Potential Participants:

Solar cooking leaders from the international and Asian Region, and other potential NGOs, private industries engaged in solar cooking and food processing are invited to participate at the workshop to share their ideas, innovation and experiences. The workshop will also provide a forum for the promotion of various solar cookers and related products among the participants, experts and business enterprises.

A Steering Committee and Organizing Committee have been formed to facilitate the preparatory work and other arrangements for the workshop with the following members:

## Steering Committee:

1. Dr. Govind Raj Pokharel  
Alternative Energy promotion Center - Chair person
2. Prof. Jagan Nath Shrestha  
Center for Energy Studies - Member
3. Mr. Bikash Sharma  
International Center for  
Integrated Mountain Development - Member
4. Mr. Sanu Kaji Shrestha  
Foundation for Sustainable Technologies - Member
5. Mr. Ganesh Ram Shrestha  
Center for Rural Technology/Nepal - Member Secretary

## Organizing Committee:

1. Mr. Mangal D. Maharjan  
Alternative Energy Promotion Center/  
Renewable Energy Project - Chair person
2. Mr. Rajeev Munankarmi  
Alternative Energy Promotion Center - Member
3. Mr. Ram Prasad Dhital  
Alternative Energy Promotion Center - Member
4. Mr. Surya Kumar Sapkota  
Alternative Energy Promotion Center - Member
5. Dr. Ramesh K. Maskey  
Kathmandu University - Member
6. Dr. Bim Shrestha  
Kathmandu University - Member
7. Mr. Nanda Ram Baidya  
Center for Rural Technology/Nepal - Member
8. Mr. Lumin K. Shrestha  
Center for Rural Technology/Nepal - Member
9. Ms. Moon Shrestha  
Center for Rural Technology/Nepal - Member
10. Mr. Hari Gopal Gorkhali  
Center for Rural Technology/Nepal - Member
11. Ms. Sama Shrestha, CARE/N - Member
12. Ms. Sanam Shrestha  
Foundation for Sustainable Technologies - Member
13. Mr. V.B. Amatya  
Energy Sector Assistants Program/Danida - Member
14. Ms. Karuna Bajracharya  
Energy Sector Assistants Program/Danida - Member
15. Ms. Mala Pradhan  
Kathmandu Lady Jaycee - Member
16. Mr. Ramesh Man Singh  
National Academy for Science and  
Technology - Member
17. Mr. Ram Kaji Poudel  
Bajra Foundation - Member
18. Mr. Surendra Lal Shrestha  
Biogas Support Program - Member
19. Dr. Mohan Gyawali  
Executive Director, Research Center for  
Applied Science and Technology - Member
20. Mr. Narayan Shrestha  
Proprietor, Sun Works Pvt.Ltd. - Member
21. Mr. Babu Raja Shrestha  
Managing Director,  
Center for Renewable Energy - Member
22. Ms. Rajani Shrestha  
Food Research Laboratory - Member
23. Mr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya  
Center for Energy Studies - Member Secretary

## Registration:

US\$ 30 for international participants – payable on arrival after confirmation.  
US\$ 20 for regional participants  
NRs.2000 for institutions  
NRs.1000 for individual  
Deadline for submission of Registration Form: 10th March, 2007

## Papers:

Papers from the international experts and Asian Region will be presented on the first day of the workshop. All the participants will be requested to share their ideas, innovations and experiences and on its future scope for the promotion of solar cooking and food processing. The deadline for submitting papers is 15th March, 2007. List of selected papers with abstracts and brief bio-data of the authors will be published and shared with the participants. Similarly, a list of exhibitors and poster presenters will be published once they are confirmed.

## Exhibits:

Participants are requested to exhibit their products and present posters on second day of the workshop. The Workshop Secretariat will arrange enough space for the exhibits and posters. The required space for the products and posters should be notified to the Workshop Secretariat by 15th March 2007.

### Workshop Secretariat:

Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal (CRT/N)  
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# Application Form

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Organization/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests:

( ) Paper presentation

( ) Poster presentation

( ) Exhibition of the products

Space required: For exhibition ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) sq.ft. for poster  
( \_\_\_\_\_ ) sq.ft.

Workshop venue: Venue will be notified later.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

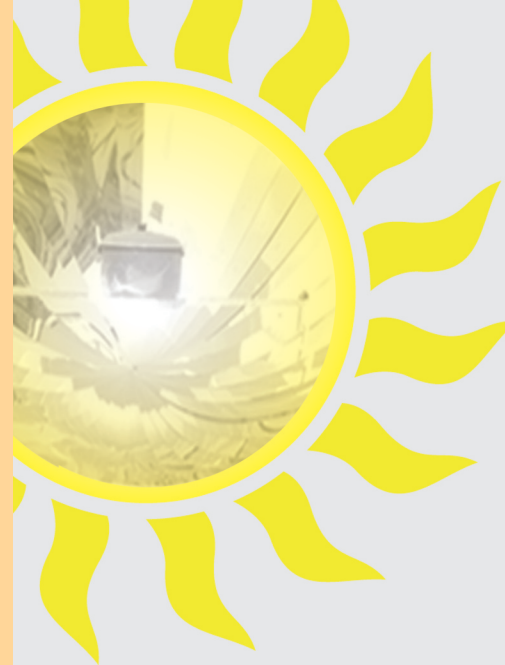
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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration form by 10 March 2007 to:

asiarwscfp@crtnepal.org.

Paper presenters will be confirmed by 31st March, 2007.



## Asia Regional Workshop on Solar Cooking and Food Processing

**16-17 April, 2007**  
**Kathmandu, Nepal**

**Jointly organized by:**

Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) ,  
Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal (CRT/N) &  
Foundation for Sustainable Technologies (FoST)

### Background

A global challenge to improve our life and build a more sustainable world requires environment-friendly changes in values, adopting best practices on renewable energies, and sharing or transferring renewable energy technologies. More than one billion people suffer due to shortages of cooking fuels, and half of them population live in abundant sunny areas where they can use solar energy for cooking, food processing and for many other alternative uses. Solar cooking has grown rapidly during the last decades. Now, there are more and more projects and many organizations promoting solar cooking all over the world, particularly in developing countries. Asia has led the world in developing and promoting solar cookers earlier and more widely than in any other regions and now proposes to lead the way in networking to strengthen our efforts.

### Formation of Solar Cooking Regional Network

The International Conference on Solar Cooking and Food Processing in Granada, Spain (July 12 to 16, 2006) created four regional networks and seven collective action groups in Asia, Ibero/Latin America, Africa, and Europe/non-Latin Americas. One important outcome in Granada was the selection of Nepal to host a first Asian Regional Workshop on Solar Cooking and Food Processing. The Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) of the Nepal Government, Centre for Rural Technology (CRT/N) and Foundation for Sustainable Technologies (FoST), and Solar Cookers International Association are proud to co-sponsor and co-host this historical event on Solar Cooking and Food Processing in Kathmandu, Nepal. CRT/N will serve as its Secretariat.

The two-day workshop will be held on April 16 and 17, 2007.

### Objectives of the Workshop:

- To promote solar cooking and food processing in the Asian Region
- To share best practices on solar cooking and food processing from the international, regional and national community of solar cookers promoters and practices
- To demonstrate various technologies developed in the region and facilitate its promotion and transfer
- To promote solar cooking and food processing for enterprise development, health improvement, energy and environment conservation, and
- Formation of Asia Regional Network for Solar Cooking and Food Processing
- Explore future information-exchange and other collaborations to address common barriers.