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INFORSE was established at the Global Forum, NGO parallel event to the UNCED Conference (Earth Summit), in 1992.

INFORSE has NGO observer status at UN ECOSOC since 1998 and UNFCCC since 2002.





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INFORSE is a global network of independent NGOs that encourage the growth of sustainable energy solutions to reduce poverty and to protect the environment.

Since its founding at the Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, in 1992, the network has grown to more than 180 members.



This brochure was updated in 2015.

Vision and Aims

INFORSE is a network of non-governmental organisations that are active in the field of sustainable energy. We share a common vision in which energy services are sustainable and promote just and human-centred development. Our vision is based on renewable technologies, including solar, wind, biomass, biogas and micro-hydro.

We emphasise:

- Defending the environment and combating climate change;
- Phasing out nuclear and fossil energy consumption;
- Increasing reliance on local solutions;
- Ensuring equal access to energy across class, ethnic and gender lines;
- Improving income generation through renewable energy solutions, particularly by the poor; and
- Increasing energy efficiency.

To achieve these goals, we:

- Communicate experiences, know-how and visions of member organisations to the public and to decision makers;
- Increase NGO capacity by developing and providing educational tools;
- Promote the participation of civil society organisations in developing energy strategies and policies that affect them;
- Mobilise investment, research, development and transfer of renewable energy technologies;
- Influence national, and international decision making;
- Reform regulatory frameworks and market conditions;
- Integrate environmental, and social costs in pricing;

• Participate in the events of the UN and its parallel NGO Forums in order to influence global agendas. These include Conferences of the UN Climate Convention, Combating Desertification, and follow-up of the Rio Conference.

Structure

INFORSE is governed by a group of regional co-ordinators who facilitate cooperation among the network's members. The coordinators are elected by the members in their region.





Sustainable Energy News

INFORSE has published this newsletter since 1992. Each issue provides updates on sustainable energy initiatives from our contacts around the globe. Themes have included gender, poverty, education, financing, local energy planning and energy scenarios.

Online Database

The INFORSE database includes contact information for more than 1000 NGOs, research and educational institutes, and decision makers whose work relates to sustainable energy. Database searches can be tailored to the user's needs.

Vision 2030 / 2050

INFORSE can support its members in preparing national and regional visions and strategies for transitions to sustainable energy systems. Energy balances are developed in 5 or 10 year time steps.

Cooperative Projects

Members of the network cooperate on a range of projects. In 2011-14, the members in Asia, Africa and Europe have participated in the *"Southern Voices on Climate Change"* NGO capacity building programme. One of the results is a publication of several cases collected from Africa and Asia: *"Combining Energy Access and Climate Protection"* In 2014-16, INFORSE is involved in low-carbon strategy campaigns and eco-village developments as climate solutions.

Energy Poverty Reduction

In 2005-08, INFORSE South Asia has conducted a capacity building project that has resulted in a manual on renewable/ sustainable energy technology for poverty reduction. It is available in English, Hindi, Nepali, and Sinhala.

DIERET: Distance Internet Education

DIERET is a self study course on renewable energy. The course material is in English, Russian, and Slovak.



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- I would like to receive notice by email about new Sustainable Energy News and other INFORSE news.
- _ I would like to support INFORSE

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