

Gender Mainstreaming Working Group

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Concerns of the group:

Differences in gender mainstreaming initiatives are quite significant among the member countries;

Gender mainstreaming should be an area of concern for all other sub-groups so this should be used as a framework in all action programmes; SAWIE should initiate a process to share success cases that provide information on the process of gender mainstreaming.

Replicable Example – Projects

Strategy for next 6 months	Activities	Country
<p><u>1. Capacity Building in Gender Mainstreaming</u></p> <p>◆ Awareness raising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field-based learning; • Knowledge sharing with energy sector; • Technical training. <p>Action project involving two countries</p>	<p>Workshop to enhance capacity to integrate Gender into projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field camp <p>Workshop involving the energy sector</p> <p>Training workshop on Gender Mainstreaming for/energy projects planners</p> <p>Follow up monitoring to see how it is applied</p> <p>Proposal writing and submission for funding;</p> <p>Methodology development;</p> <p>Compilation of methodology to share with the others at next SAWIE</p>	<p>Afghanistan</p> <p>India – Vikasapur (AIWC)</p> <p>Bangladesh</p> <p>Sri Lanka, <i>ENERGIA – SEA</i></p> <p>Sri Lanka and India</p>
<p><u>2. Networking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of national programmes planed by the 	<p>All</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twining. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> group; • Follow-up reports exchange; • Exchange experts visits 	
<u>3. Identify Gaps & future needs</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status in Gender Mainstreaming in each country 	All
<u>4. Gender mainstreaming in other SARI countries?</u>	Collect information from others-through e-mail	Group leader

PS: Special note to all colleagues.

Greetings. I am herewith forwarding our group report. Please consider this as a reminder to initiate our activities. I certainly feel your active engagement in this crucial area would allow us to make a transition at grassroots.

With best wishes

Anoja.