

Friends ,

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to all of you at this inaugural session of the three day workshop on “Women , Energy and Enterprise Building” .This is organized by the Women’s Institute for Sustainable Energy Research under the USAID’s SARI/Energy Program . To our friends who have travelled from different parts of India and neighboring countries a very special welcome to Kerala, and this beautiful venue , in God’s Own Country , as Kerala is often referred to.

We begin with a welcome address by Mr. K.M Dharesan Unnithan , the Director of the Energy Management Centre, Kerala. The Centre has in the past undertaken energy programs targeting especially women’s capacity building needs in energy conservation and hosts the WISER Centre.

Mr Unnithan is from Kerala ....

I request Mr. Unnithan to please start the inaugural session with a welcome address.

2) Thank you Mr. Unnithan . Prof V. K Damodaran will give the presidential address next . \_

3) Jennifer Graetz

4) Anne Stenhammer

5) Miss R.V Jayapadma

6) Ms. Mercy Thomas