



## Conference program:

# **The Energy Farm concept in Asia, Africa, Latin-America and Europe**

**Energy Farm centers as a tool to provide renewable energy to rural communities, strengthen social innovation and global exchange of knowledge and experience.**

Thon Hotel Vika Atrium, Oslo, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2015, 11:00-15:45  
Arranged by the Energy Farm International Foundation (EFIF)

Chair: Hrefna Johannesdottir, Energigården

11:00	<b>Registration and light lunch</b>
11:30	<b>Welcome</b> by Kristin Halvorsen, Board member of EFIF <b>The role of renewable energy in rural communities to reduce climate changes</b>
11:40	<b>Introduction to the Energy Farm concept and the Energy Farm International Foundation</b> Erik Eid Hohle, manager Energigården Norway and EFIF
11:55	<b>Overview of the Norwegian energy development programs.</b> <b>What will the MFA expect from the commercial actors?</b> Senior advisor, Jon Vea, MFA <b>The Norwegian collaboration with Ukraine within energy efficiency and renewable energy</b> Senior advisor Eurasia energy issues Olav Berstad, MFA
12:15	<b>The role of small-scale solar- and bioenergy solutions for poor, off-grid, rural communities.</b> Senior advisor Harald Birkeland, NORAD
12:35	<b>Short presentation of the Energy Farm centers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (25) in Asia; pilot case in Myanmar and India, by Sunil Dhingra, TERI India</li> <li>- (15) in Europe; pilot case in Ukraine - Borshchiv, by Bohdan Radejko, Ostap (15) and pilot case in Croatia - Zagreb, by Julije Domac, Regea</li> <li>- (15) in Africa; pilot case in Kenya, by Paul Mbole, Norwegian Church Aid, Nairobi</li> <li>- (15) in Latin America; pilot case in the Dominican Republic, by Alicia Dominguez Contreras</li> </ul>
14:10-14:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
14:30	<b>The significance of knowledge centers for production of renewables and social innovation</b> Julije Domac, president of FEDARENE (x) in Europe
14:45	<b>Discussion: Norwegian forceful commitment to modern and sustainable small scale energy solutions. The way forward for EFIF</b> Moderator: Erik Eid Hohle, Introduction by Svein Tveitdal, chairman Energigården and deputy chairman of EFIF Brief presentations from market actors, businesses, research institutions and authorities: -Jan Kristensen, Telenor: How can Telenor's energy needs in Myanmar be combined with social responsibility efforts and challenges, -Jørund Buen, Differ: Prime – proving that a highly efficient cook stove can also be affordable -Petter Jensen, NMBU: R&D programs for sustainable communities
15:35-15:45	<b>Closing remarks</b> by Kristin Halvorsen and Svein Tveitdal

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