



Vietnam Renewable Energy Week 2018

Clearing the path to renewable energy for every home in Vietnam

Time: August 21st to 26th, 2018

Location: Hanoi, HCM city and Can Tho

Context

We, the Vietnam Sustainable Energy Alliance (VSEA), believe that renewable energy brings multiple benefits for Vietnam, and it is now entirely feasible economically, technically and financially. The co-benefits of renewables have helped to boost the economy in the rural and less developed areas of countries ranging from Germany to India, China and Bangladesh. We believe that renewable energy can play an important role in rural development for Vietnam, generating new income sources for our farmers and helping to modernize farming methods. In addition to the economic benefits for rural areas, renewables as a domestic energy source can help Vietnam become more energy independent, and less vulnerable to coal, gas and oil price variations on the world market. It will reduce our import expenditure in the long term, strengthening our economy and reducing emission for Vietnam.

VSEA initiated the first Renewable Energy Week in 2016, and it is now the annual forum for interested stakeholders to discuss their concerns and ideas, and to propose solutions for energy transition in Vietnam. The 2nd Renewable Energy Week in August 2017 attracted **more than 1,000 participants**, had over **8,000 direct followers** on fan page and website, and reached at least **11,000**. With **more than 50 media agencies** covering the week activities, the event seized the public attention and generated great interest.

The Renewable Energy Week programs in 2016 and 2017 focused on introducing the concept of Clean Energy Potential, and challenging commonly held negative perceptions and myths regarding Renewable Energy. The program also included Green Thinking,

Sustainable Financing, Rural Electrification, Energy Solutions for off-grid Communities and Green Energy Transition in Vietnam. The foremost recommendations arising from these events were that Vietnamese governmental leaders should focus more on energy efficiency, in addition to urgently developing a policy mechanism to stimulate RE development, both at domestic level in everyday life, and also at the macro industrial level. Transitioning to renewable energy gives rise to a double benefit - ensuring the energy security of the nation on the one hand, and on the other hand mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of climate change.

At a policy level, the long-awaited feed-in tariff (FiT) scheme for utility-scale solar projects, along with a net metering scheme for household rooftop PV systems was issued by the Prime Minister in April 2017. The FiT went into effect on 1 June 2017 and will remain constant until 30 June 2019. On 12 September 2017 the Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) released the circular “Regulating Solar Power Project Development and Standardized Power Purchase Agreement for Solar Power Projects”, creating more clarity on these issues. In response to this policy incentive, there was massive solar project registration and several thousand MW were added to the national grid, with some construction already underway. We see this regulation as an important first step in the widespread adoption of this easy-to-install technology throughout Vietnam. Although a number of barriers remain for the widespread adoption of household-scale systems, we believe that these barriers and challenges are manageable.

Accordingly, the 3rd Renewable Energy Week will focus discussion on these barriers, on how to remove or bypass them to make RE feasible and a benefit for all in Vietnam. The week will involve a chain of inter – related activities, including workshops, seminars, field trips, exhibitions and other events in parallel. We will focus on encouraging Vietnamese citizens to be part of the transition, demonstrating how they can become direct beneficiaries. Together with our partners, we will redouble our efforts on the development of Solar PV technology as a means of facilitating a socially just energy transition that gives customers the means to produce their own power, and to become empowered consumers.

The event brings together high level decision makers, leading international and national experts and practitioners in energy sectors to address key clean energy challenges, successes and innovations in Vietnam. Enhanced networking opportunities will be structured to maximize fruitful interactions between attendees from governments, development partners, private sectors, academia and members of Vietnam Sustainable Energy Alliance (VSEA).

Objectives

- ❖ Create a forum for multi-stakeholder’s dialogues to find solutions for removing obstacles and accelerating renewable energy development for all in Vietnam.
- ❖ Increase public awareness on the feasibility and benefits of Renewable Energy, and call for concrete action
- ❖ Launch the Millions Green House concept, and mobilize the stakeholders’ interest in jointly implementing this program

Expected Outcomes:

- ❖ News opportunities and cooperation among stakeholders developed through the RE week 2018
- ❖ Increased public support for actions to remove barriers and accelerate the implementation of Government’s policies on CC and RE, particularly Solar rooftop.
- ❖ Millions Green House concept attracts interest and participation of stakeholders
- ❖ Policy Brief consolidating recommendations of stakeholders and discussion results from RE week sent out to relevant Government agencies.

Key target audiences:

- ❖ Decision makers, managers at national and provincial levels
- ❖ Community leaders and representatives of off-grid communities, and of areas with high proportion of poor households
- ❖ National and international experts, research institutes
- ❖ The business community
- ❖ Civil society organizations
- ❖ Development partners in Vietnam
- ❖ National and local environmental journalists and reporters
- ❖ Young people

Overview of the week: Main events

	Activity	Location
21st Aug 8.30 – 9.15	Opening Ceremony of Renewable Energy Week 2018	Hoa Binh Hotel, 27 Ly Thuong Kiet, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

9.15 – 12.00	Workshop on renewable energy development to meet rural-electrification targets and energy access Session 1: Accelerating renewable energy development to meet rural electrification target and energy access for the poor.	
13.30 – 17.30	Session 2: Multiple benefits of renewable energy	
22nd Aug 8.30 – 12.15	Dialogue: Review of 1-year implementation of Decision 11 and Circular 16 on solar energy development in Vietnam	Hoa Binh Hotel, 27 Ly Thuong Kiet, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi
23rd Aug 8.30 – 12.15	Dialogue: Review of 1-year implementation of Decision 11 and Circular 16 on solar energy development in Vietnam	Dai Nam Hotel, 79 Tran Hung Dao, Dist.1, HCMC
24th Aug	Workshop on Dual-Use approach of Solar Energy and Agriculture /Aquaculture	Can Tho University, Can Tho City
26th Aug	Public event: Run for Renewable Energy.	Ecopark, Hanoi

Side events

Aug	Event	Location
9 – 10 Jul	Annual meeting of Green Community day	Hanoi, GreenID
Jul & Aug	Short film on rooftop solar energy in Vietnam	GreenID and Change
31 Jul – 5 Aug	Climate Leadership Camp	Phan Thiet, Change

20 – 21 Aug	Closing workshop on Low-carbon solutions for community (biogas, water heater) Thủy Thanh commune	Thua Thien Hue, WWF
20 Aug	Workshop on Sustainable Energy Development and Community Health	Hanoi, RTCCD
10 – 15 Aug	Vietnam Youth and Sustainability Forum	Hoi An, Live&Learn
Aug	Training workshop on changing cookers for 4 communes	GreenHub
Aug	Energy Day, for secondary school students in My Loc, Nam Dinh	Nam Dinh, C&E
Aug	Training on Climate Change and Energy	Thai Binh, CCWG
8 Aug	Workshop on Local Energy Planning at Tan Hung Dong Commune, Cai Nuoc Dist, Ca Mau	Ca Mau, GreenID
Jul – Aug	Summer program and Communication campaign on sustainable energy for off-grid communities	An Giang, GreenID
Sep	Workshop/ Training on LEAP, with Cork University	CleanED, Hanoi

DETAILED PROGRAM

VIETNAM RENEWABLE ENERGY WEEK 2018

Day 1: Ha Noi - Workshop on renewable energy development to meet rural-electrification targets and energy access

Objectives:

- A starting point of the Vietnam Renewable Energy Week 2018
- Sharing on the current status and challenges of Rural-electrification implementation program
- Benefits of solar energy solutions in Rural-electrification program.

Time: 8.30 – 17.30, 21/8/2018

Venue: Hoa Binh Hotel, 27 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi

Tentative agenda

Time	Content	Speakers
8.15 – 8.30	Registration	
OPENING OF THE VIETNAM RENEWABLE ENERGY WEEK 2018		
Movie screening on RE Week 2017 in Vietnam		
8.30 – 9.15	Opening remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VSEA representative• VUSTA representative• MOIT/Party agency representative• Donor representative (EU)	
Session 1: Accelerate Renewable Energy Development to achieve Rural-electrification targets and energy access for the poor Facilitator: VSEA representative		
8.45 – 9.15	Result of Program 2081 on rural-electrification in rural, mountainous, and islands during 2013 – 2020: challenges and solutions	Representative of EREA, MOIT
9.15 – 9.35	Renewable energy solutions for off-grid area	GreenID representative
9.35 – 9.45	Q&A	
9.45– 10.15	Tea break	

10.15 – 12.00	<p>Talkshow: Discussion on innovative solutions to meet rural-electrification targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of EREA, MOIT • GreenID representative • Local voice • Private sector • EVN representative • Development partners • Guest speaker from Myanmar 	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
Session 2: Multiple benefits of renewable energy		
13.30 – 15.15	<p>Talkshow: Bringing multiple benefits of renewable energy into life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blueprint & Energy Security, Mr. Tran Dinh Sinh, GreenID • Waste to Energy, Green Desert • Experience of using renewable energy in climate change mitigation, CCWG • The role of renewable energy to community health, Dr. Tran Tuan • Sharing experiences of energy transition in Germany, Sebastian Helgenberger <p>Facilitators: Representative of VSEA/CCWG</p>	
15.15 – 15.30	Tea break	
15.30 – 17.00	<p>World Café: Who joins to accelerate renewable energy development for Vietnam</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nguy Thi Khanh, GreenID’s Executive Director • Representative of VSEA/CCWG 	<p>State agencies EVN Private sectors Financiers Local people NGOs Universities, Institutes</p>
17.00 – 17.30	Closing remarks	

Day 2: Hanoi Workshop Review 1-year implementation of Decision 11 and Circular 16 on solar energy development in Vietnam

Objectives:

- Share experiences and propose solutions for accelerating solar energy in Vietnam
- Launching Million Green Homes program for prosperous Vietnam

Time: 8.30 – 12.15, 22/8/2018

Venue: Hoa Binh Hotel, 27 Ly Thuong Kiet, Ha Noi

Facilitator: Representative of Vietnam Sustainable Energy Alliance (VSEA)

Time	Content	Speakers
8.00 – 8.30	Registration	
8.30 – 8.40	Opening Remark	VSEA Representative
8.40 – 9.10	Review 1 year implementation of Decision 11 and Circular 16 on solar energy development in Vietnam: achievements and challenges	Expert
9.10 – 10.00	Experience sharing: Rooftop solar installation in Vietnam	Representatives of: Private sector Households (Dr. Le Anh Tuan) Investors EVN (tbc)
10.00 – 10.20	Launching Million Green Houses program for prosperous Vietnam	GreenID and partners
10.20 – 10.50	Tea break	
10.50 – 12.00	Discussion on accelerating solar energy development in Vietnam and Million Green Homes program for prosperous Vietnam	All participants
12.00 – 12.15	Closing Remark	

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City- Workshop Review 1-year implementation of Decision 11 and Circular 16 on solar energy development in Vietnam

Objectives:

- Share experiences and propose solutions for accelerating solar energy in Vietnam
- Launching Million Green Homes program for prosperous Vietnam

Time and Date: 8.30 – 12.15, 23/8/2018

Venue: Dai Nam Hotel, 79 Tran Hung Dao, Q.1, HCMC

Facilitators:

- Representative of Vietnam Sustainable Energy Alliance (VSEA)
- Mr. Dang Quoc Toan, Director of GreenAsia

Time	Content	Speakers
8.00 – 8.30	Registration	
8.30 – 8.40	Opening Remark	VSEA Representative Expert
8.40 – 9.10	Review 1 year implementation of Decision 11 and Circular 16 on solar energy development in Vietnam: achievements and challenges	Expert
9.10 – 10.00	Experience sharing: Rooftop solar installation in Vietnam	Representatives of: Anh Minh Global Households Investors EVN (tbc)
10.00 – 10.20	Launching Million Green Homes program for prosperous Vietnam	Initiative group
10.20 – 10.50	Tea break	
10.50 – 12.00	Discussion on accelerating solar energy development in Vietnam and Million Green Homes program for prosperous Vietnam	All participants
12.00 – 12.15	Closing Remark	

Day 4: Can Tho City Workshop Potential of integrating Solar energy into sustainable agricultural production

Time: 8:00 to 16:00 August 24th 2018 & **Venue:** Can Tho University

Objectives:

- Present and collect opinion about study on Dual-use approaches for Solar energy and Food production – Feasibility and Potentials for Vietnam.
- Discuss with stakeholders about opportunity to apply a new approach to increase more benefits for agricultural production.

Moderator: Dr. Tran Huu Hiep

Time	Activity	Speaker
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome remark	GreenID Dragon Institute, Can Tho University
8:45 – 9:15	Presentation: Study on Dual-Use Approaches for Solar Energy and Food Production – Feasibility and Potentials for Vietnam	Dr. Nguyen Quoc Khanh - Representative of research team
9:15 – 9:30	Q&A	
9:30 – 10:00	Presentation: Sustainable agriculture models in the Mekong Delta	Dragon Institute - Can Tho University (Assoc. Prof. Le Anh Tuan)
10:00 – 10.15	Q&A	
10:15 – 10:30	Tea break	
10:30 – 11:30	Consultation Plenary discussion: Opportunities for Dual-use application in the Mekong Delta	GreenID
<i>11:30 – 13:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:00 – 13:15	Presentation: Introduction of solar power project concept in combination with agricultural production in An Giang	Simon Richard Nias - Director Development SE Asia, Shire Oak Transition
13:15 – 13:30	Q&A	
13:30 – 14:00	Presentation: Renewable energy technology for agricultural production	Representatives of Vu Phong Solar JSC
14:00 – 15:15	Plenary discussion: - Solar energy technology and solutions for common agricultural models in Mekong delta. - How to cooperate between local farmers and investor, private partners.	Speakers
15:15 – 15:30	Closing remark	GreenID

How to join RE week 2018

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Dragon – Mekong Institute, Can Tho University

Viet Hung Investment and Urban Development Joint Stock Company (Ecopark)

Centre for Media and Development Initiatives (MDI)

Vũ Phong Solar JSC

Anh Minh Global

GreenAsia

Vietnam Sustainable Energy Alliance (VSEA) formerly called Energy Alliance was established in 2012 by five NGOs to promote sustainable energy development in Vietnam and the Mekong region. VSEA understood itself as a proactive partner within Vietnam's energy transition. At the moment, VSEA has 12 members including enID, Cewarec, Live&Learn, C&E, RTCCD, WWF, Change, SNV, LPSD, Ngan Ha Media, CleanED và GreenHub

Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) was established in early 2008. The Group works under Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO). Our mission is contributing to reduce the vulnerability of the community to the impacts of climate change through coordination activities, policy advocacy and capacity building of non-governmental organizations, towards sustainable climate change adaptation, economic sustainability and social justice.