

**Solar for Education
Forum for Finance and Jobs**

(The forum will seek to connect finance and jobs to where the need is)

One of the most difficult aspects for decentralised solarisation is connecting finance to the need. CUTS International has made it easy and doable. Locations, champions and bottlenecks have been identified in key locations around Rajasthan; the need now is to introduce financiers to that data and understand what enables and precludes them from investing in decentralised solarisation in rural areas.

To make it attractive for one and all, we will start with ‘**Solarisation of Education**’ which will include not only schools but also households, thus ensuring not only extended learning environment for children at home but also benefits for the larger community. And did you know that nearly 50 % of all schools in Rajasthan are un-electrified? In other words, there is not only need but scale too!!!

Easier said than done!!! Our research also informs us that there are still bottlenecks to solve to make it feasible for investors, financiers, community, schools and public spirited citizens. So our strategy is simple - through our forums, including this one, we wish to not only connect demand with supply but also develop a proof of concept for rest of the state to follow. The list of participants includes Solar Project Developers in DRE space; Financial Institutions like banks, micro finance institutions, etc.; multilateral organisations; authorities in education sector and people’s representatives, amongst others.

We hope our participants can be trail blazers in this endeavour and can help us develop a plan for rest of the state to follow. So join us in this initiative of yours and not solely ours!!!

**Friday 28th July, 2017 | Hotel Radisson Jaipur City Center, Khasa Kothi Circle, M I Road,
Jaipur
Agenda**

09:30-10:00	Registration and Tea
10:00-10:30	Welcome Address by CUTS International and ‘Overview of Solar for Education’ project
10:30-12:00	Stakeholder Interaction: An interactive discussion with various stakeholders on issues and challenges pertaining to finance in Solar for Education (Schools and Household level)
12:00-12:15	Tea break
12:15-13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of Discussion • Summarising the discussion and presenting key highlights • Action points for future fora
13:30-14:00	Lunch