



Distribution Utilities Forum

TOWARDS A BETTER **POWER DISTRIBUTION SECTOR**



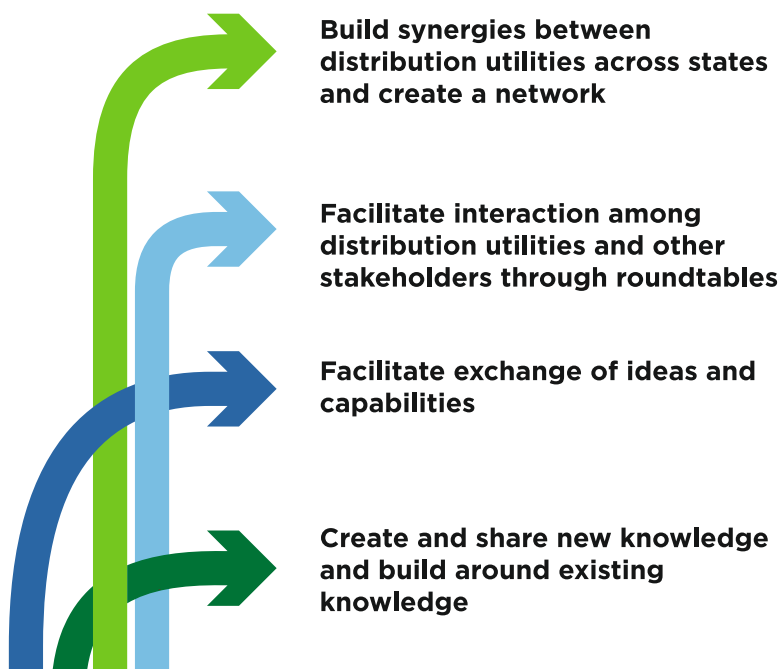
VISION

Facilitate the development of a financially viable and operationally robust electricity distribution sector in India to provide quality electricity services for all consumers.

MISSION

To provide a platform for electricity distribution utilities in India and facilitate sectoral consultations for overcoming major barriers and challenges and preparing for key emerging developments.

OBJECTIVES



BACKGROUND

The Government of India has set forth four important goals: ensuring financial sustainability of the distribution sector, providing 24X7 affordable power supply, realizing a greater share of cleaner resources and achieving universal household electrification by March 2019. Distribution utilities have been making concerted efforts to implement these schemes, but their effectiveness varies from state to state depending on the base line, various socio-economic imperatives as well as the financial and systemic constraints.

In the process, many success stories in the distribution sector have not been captured or replicated widely and nor have they been able to contribute to the current narrative on the sector. Most distribution companies remain busy with day-to-day operations and opportunities for cross learning and strategic discussions are few and far between.

Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF) and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) have launched an independent discussion forum where distribution utilities can come together to share and learn from each other's experiences. TERI will provide secretariat services to the Forum. The initiative is supported by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation.

The Forum will bring together MDs, CEOs and other senior management of the Distribution Utilities in the country and provide a platform for them to meet with their peers in an independent and open environment to share views, learnings and challenges and to advocate change. The agenda and discussions at the Forum will be led by the felt needs of the distribution utilities. The meetings will follow Chatham House rules, i.e., the deliberations will be noted without specific attributions.



CONSTITUTION OF THE FORUM

Constituents:

MDs, CEOs and other senior management of public and private sector distribution utilities.

Chairperson:

Presides over Forum meetings, facilitates discussions, provides strategic direction and guidance.

Secretariat:

The secretariat will develop background and position papers, identify experts wherever necessary, organize the Forum meetings and report on the output of the meetings at the end of the year. It will also bring out strategy and technical papers based on the discussions in the Forum and inform other power sector stakeholders of the Forum's deliberations.

Advisory Committee:

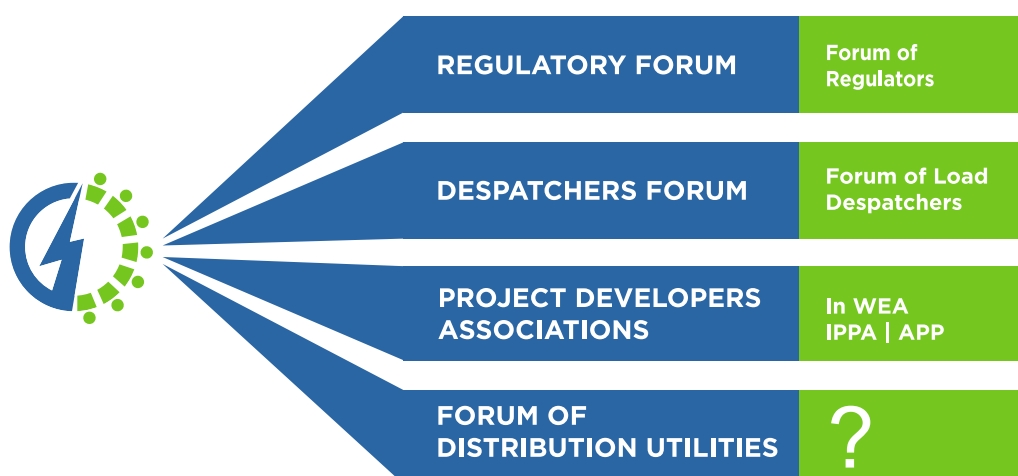
Composed of senior and well-known practitioners and policy makers. The Committee will guide the Secretariat and advise the Forum as it progresses.

Forum Meetings:

A series of at least six Forum meetings will be organized over a two-year period.



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The Forum is a unique opportunity for distribution companies to come together and discuss the challenges and likely solutions to these challenges. I hope that the platform will serve as a learning and knowledge sharing space where distribution utilities can brainstorm new ideas, learn from each other's best practices and practical solutions and develop a common understanding and position.

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