



GEDSI for Next-Gen Solar Energy Research and Innovation

A case study prepared under the Disability Support Service (DSS), Transforming Energy Access (TEA) platform.

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The biggest challenge in integrating a disability inclusion lens across the TEA@SUNRISE programme delivery is moving from high-level commitment to consistent, operational practices across diverse partners, geographies, and stages of the solar value chain.”

Dr Carol Maddock, Inclusivity Lead, TEA@SUNRISE

TEA@SUNRISE, an international and interdisciplinary network of academic institutions and businesses, **built disability inclusion and innovation awareness and capacity** among next-gen solar energy researchers and tested operational measures to embed an integrated Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) lens.



Intervention

- 1. Building awareness and technical capacity among the TEA@SUNRISE network**
 - ‘Disability Inclusion and Innovation for Solar Energy Access’ – Presentation at TEA@SUNRISE 2025 Symposium
 - ‘Inclusive Market Research’ - A webinar co-hosted with Value for Women
 - ‘Delivering Inclusive Next-Gen Solar Energy Research in Collaboration with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)’ - Guidance note
- 2. Integrating a disability lens through operational and programmatic mechanisms**
 - Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion Statement
 - Disability Inclusion Perception Survey
 - GEDSI Survey



Impact

- 1. Over 60 TEA@SUNRISE network members** were exposed to the basics of disability inclusion and innovation.
- 2. TEA@SUNRISE tested and are now embedding disability-disaggregated data collection and management practices.**
- 3. TEA@SUNRISE core team observes increased confidence among the network members** in discussing foundational disability inclusion concepts and opportunities for inclusive innovation.



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