

Development Alternatives and Mlinda Foundation UK, partners to advance Green and Inclusive Entrepreneurship



CEO, Development Alternatives, Shrashtant Patara signing MoU with Mlinda Foundation UK

Development Alternatives and the Mlinda Foundation UK have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to form a strategic partnership focused on accelerating green and inclusive entrepreneurship through renewable energy. This collaboration aims to boost local economic development by deploying mini and microgrids powered by renewable energy.

The partnership will design, develop, and implement scalable and replicable enterprise models to facilitate a green energy transition. These models will be adaptable to various contexts and communities, maximising their impact. By providing sustainable energy solutions, the initiative aims to empower rural communities with access to reliable and clean energy, enhancing their quality of life and unlocking new economic opportunities previously hindered by energy constraints. Special emphasis will be placed on supporting marginalised groups, particularly women and youth. The initiative will provide them with the tools, resources, and support renewable energy-based micro-entrepreneurship, promoting inclusivity and equality.

This strategic partnership marks a significant step towards a sustainable and inclusive future. By leveraging renewable energy to drive local economic development and empower communities, Development Alternatives and the Mlinda Foundation are committed to creating lasting, positive change. It aims to build community resilience against climate change through sustainable practices and enhanced local capacities, with continuous monitoring to ensure long-term success.

This partnership will be carried out under the 'Energy Transition for Rural emPowerment' initiative, a replicable, women-led Public-Private-Community partnership model which provides clean, reliable, and affordable electricity to rural micro-enterprises, demonstrating the transformative potential of renewable energy as a catalyst for green and inclusive growth.