

# **LEARNING CENTRE @ CSD-15**

**Conference Room B**

**Thursday, 10 May 2007**

**3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

## **Models that Bridge the Gap between Access to Energy and Microfinance**

*Sponsor: USAID/Energy Team*

### **Course Instructors:**

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### **Synopsis:**

This course will present the findings from a research project funded by USAID and Citigroup Foundation that profiled the models of the following eight financial institutions with active energy lending in their portfolios, and their respective energy service providers, in Africa and Asia. An outline of the course curriculum is as follows:

- Overview of the current ‘state of energy-lending’ in Africa and Asia, including high market potential, barriers faced and obstacles to replication and scale-up.
- Microfinance and consumer lending models that provide access to energy services
- Best practices and lessons learned
- Case Study – FINCA Uganda
- Case Study – SEEDS Sri Lanka
- The way forward to increase energy lending