

Green Growth and Energy Security in India

Political Economy Transformation and Challenges

Friday, June 19, 2015| Jaipur

10.00 – 10.30 Registration

10.30 – 11.30 Inaugural Session

- Opening Remarks by Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
- Welcome Address by Marc Saxer, Resident Representative, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, India
- Keynote Address by Vishvanath Hiremath, Chairperson, Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission

11.30 – 12.00 Tea Break

12.00 – 13.00 Session I: Political economy transformations and Energy Security: Need for a Coherent Green Growth Strategy

This session would discuss the political and economic developments and challenges emerging for addressing issues pertaining to energy security in India. The purpose of this session is to discuss the potential and effectiveness of Green Growth strategy to address India's energy security challenges.

Chair: Shakti Sinha, Former, Principal Secretary (Finance & Planning, Power), CMD Delhi Transco, Government of Delhi

Panellists:

- V S Ailawadi, Chief Mentor, Corporate & Regulatory Affairs, Tata Teleservices Limited
- Madhura Joshi, Associate Fellow and Area Convenor, CeRES, TERI
- Yashraj Khaitan, Founder & CEO, Gram Power
- Akhilesh Magal, Head Advisor, Solar Energy, GERMI

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Session II: Political Economy Challenges and Opportunities for Clean Energy Transformations & Green Growth

The session would explore the clean energy strategies related to energy security in India and deliberate on the opportunities and challenges. The purpose is to analyse the key drivers of growth and development, so that state of its availability and barriers related to energy security can be identified and rectified. The session will also reflect on the trade-offs between competing interests that needs to be addressed in the Indian context.

Chair: Rao Rajendra Singh, Member Legislative Assembly, State of Rajasthan

Panellists:

- Sanjeev Ahluwalia, Advisor, Observer Research Foundation
- Vinod K Kala, Founder & Managing Director, Emergent Ventures
- Anoop Singh, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- M M Vijayvergia, Chairman & Managing Director, CVK Solar

15.00 – 15.30 Tea Break

15.30 – 16.30 Session III: Politics Matters: How to Create a Political Mandate?

While there is an emerging consensus on the need for energy transformations, India seems to be lacking a coherent Green Growth strategy. Decoding a coherent strategy and implementing it successfully requires a clear political mandate for the required transformations. This session will deliberate on strategies for creating a political mandate and mobilise decision makers and society to implement reforms aimed at promoting the clean energy transformations.

Chair: Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International

Panellists:

- Mahendra P Lama, Pro Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi
- R P Goswami, Director, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Government of India
- Axel Harneit-Sievers, Director, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, India

16.30 – 17.00 Valedictory Session

Rapporteur: Ashwini K Swain, Director, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition

Closing Remarks:

- Marc Saxer, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, India
- Udai S Mehta, Director, CUTS International