

Round Table Conference on Green Growth and Energy Transformation

Saturday, 18 June, 2016, 09:30 AM
Hotel Taj Gateway, Kolkata

Abstract

India is one of the fastest growing economies of the world. Hectic efforts are being put by Central and State Governments to accelerate economic growth. At the same time it is also recognized that growth has to be inclusive and sustainable. Energy, which is the engine of growth for any economy, is a vital input for growth. Therefore, sustainable path to growth must encompass sustainable, cleaner and efficient provision of energy. This necessitates an enabling policy framework, its proper implementation and favourable response from various sectors of the economy and civil society. In other words, it requires an inclusive and collective decision making and a common stake of society at large.

Keeping this in view, the participants of the Roundtable on ‘Green Growth and Energy Transformation’ will include policy makers, regulators, industry experts, academia, civil society organizations and media, amongst others.

Draft Programme:

09:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration, Tea and Networking</i>
10:00 – 10:45	<p><i>Inaugural Session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks by Keya Ghosh, Advisor, CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre • Introduction to the programme and presentation, Marc Saxer, Resident Representative, FES India • Special Address by Anindya Narayan Biswas, WBCS (Exe.), Special Secretary, Department of Power & NES, Govt. of West Bengal
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Tea Break</i>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Green Growth: The West Bengal Scenario and Sectoral Possibilities</i> - Presentation by Prithivraj Nath, Policy Analyst and Head, CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre
Sectoral Breakaway Sessions	Each of the Breakaway sessions will be to strengthen the case for selecting the sector, the possibilities and hurdles to green growth in the sector and given that and an initial outline of some catalytic projects that can help push the sustainability agenda in the sector

11:15 – 12:15	<p><i>Breakaway Session I: Agriculture</i></p> <p>Expert Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabindra Nath Sen, Chairman, West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (WBERC) • R Datta, Joint Director, Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology, NIMPITH • Karuna Singh, Country Director, Earth Day Network • Piyush Jaju, Co-Founder & CEO, ONergy Solar • Utsab Ghosal, Senior Research Fellow, Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management • Purnabha Dasgupta, Action Research Coordinator, Development Research Communication & Services Centre (DRCSC) <p>Rapporteur: Prithviraj Nath and Surbhi Singhvi, CUTS International</p>
11:15 – 12:15	<p><i>Breakaway Session II: Trade, Hotels & Restaurants/Tourism</i></p> <p>Expert Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anindya Narayan Biswas, WBCS (Exe.), Special Secretary, Department of Power & NES, Govt. of West Bengal • C.R. Bhowmick, Ex-Advisor, West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission • Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy-Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry • Sanjukta Mukherjee, Head, Quality & Learning Initiative- SDRC, Sustainable Design Consultant • P.K. Sikdar, Senior Professor, Environment Management, Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management • Rajib Ghosh, News Editor, Aajkal <p>Rapporteur: Udai Mehta and Sayoni Choudhury, CUTS International</p>
11:15 – 12:15	<p><i>Breakaway Session III: Industry</i></p> <p>Expert Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satrajit Sanyal, Head of Consulting, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry • Samujjal Ganguly, Vice President, Vikram Solar Pvt. Limited • Subhasis Neogi, Director, School of Energy Studies, Jadavpur University • Surajit Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management • Avijit Ghosh, Principal Technical Officer & Head, Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata • Umesh Bhutoria, Co-founder & CEO, E-Cube Energy Trading Pvt. Limited • Anustup Roy Barman (ARB), Correspondent, Business Economics • Samujjal Ganguly (SG), Vice President, Vikram Solar Pvt. Limited <p>Rapporteur: Keya Ghosh and Sayantan Sengupta, CUTS International</p>
11:15 – 12:15	<p><i>Breakaway Session IV: Other Services</i> (Including various Municipal Services)</p>

	<p>Recreational, cultural and sporting Activities, etc.)</p> <p>Expert Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajib Das, Senior Manager, CESC Limited • Debashis Das, Deputy Chief Engineer, Kolkata Municipal Corporation • Sanjay Bhowmick, Junior Engineer, Kolkata Municipal Corporation • Piyush Jaju, Co-Founder & CEO, ONergy Solar • Anupam Boral, Proprietor, Gitanjali Solar <p>Rapporteur: Abhishek Kumar and Sayandeep Chatterjee, CUTs International</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<i>Tea Break</i>
12:30 – 13:45	<p><i>Sector Presentations</i> (5-7 minutes each followed by 10 minutes Open House Discussions ideally touching on the technical feasibility, commercial viability and political salability)</p> <p>Moderated by Marc Saxer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture – Surbhi Singhvi • Tourism – Udai Mehta • Industry – Keya Ghosh • Other Services – Abhishek Kumar <p>Open House Discussions will follow each presentation</p>
13:45 – 13:55	<p><i>Way Forward</i></p> <p>Udai S Mehta, Director, CUTS International</p>
13.55 -14.00	<p><i>Vote of Thanks</i></p> <p>Abhishek Kumar, Associate Director, CUTS International</p>
14:00 onwards	<i>Networking Lunch</i>