

# Urja Samvaad

*Energy Dialogues for Transforming Rajasthan – A CUTS Initiative*

*Urja Samvaad* (Energy Dialogue) is an effort by CUTS International to bridge the gap between policy makers and other stakeholders of the energy sector in the state of Rajasthan. Through quarterly conversations, we aim to bring last mile stakeholders and their representatives, policymakers, think-tanks, civil society organisations, amongst others on a common platform to discuss challenges and opportunities for creating sustainable and impactful policies in energy sector. These conversations aim to explore the State's energy sector through strategic dialogues and discussions for cultivating new thoughts and ideas in the process.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of *Urja Samvaad* is in collaboration with Institute of Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) as a Knowledge Partner, which have recently come out with a report titled "*Transforming Rajasthan's Electricity Sector – An Opportunity to Power a Green Recovery*". The findings and recommendations from this report will act as major cornerstones for devising a vision and action plan for the state's power sector transition.

The idea is to deliberate on the prospects of an economically and environmentally sustainable power sector and chart out a strategy for a clean energy transition in the state. Thus, the panel discussion aims to unearth the clean energy ecosystem for identifying an ideal, just and inclusive way forward for a sustainable energy transformation in Rajasthan.

## AGENDA

Time	Session
15:00-15:05	<b>Introductory Remarks</b> Sarthak Shukla, Assistant Policy Analyst, CUTS International
15:05-15:15	<b>Presentation on <i>Rajasthan Electricity Sector Transformation: An Opportunity to Power a 'Green' recovery</i></b> Kashish Shah, Research Associate, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA)
15:15-16:15	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Simran Grover, CEO, Bask Research Foundation <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ajitabh Sharma, Principal Secretary - Energy, Government of Rajasthan</li> <li>• Pramod Deo, Former Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission</li> <li>• Geeta Gouri, Former Member, Competition Commission of India</li> <li>• Gopal Lal Somani, Former Director, Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited</li> <li>• Hari Prasad Yogi, President, Consumer Legal Help Society, Rajasthan</li> </ul>
16:15-16:25	<b>Question and Answer from Participants</b>
16:25-16:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Tim Buckley, Director, Energy Finance Studies, Australia/South Asia, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA)