

Stakeholder Consultation

A Just Transition Approach for Developing a Green Economy *A Case of Electric Mobility*

Magnolia Hall, India habitat Centre, New Delhi

Tuesday, 18 October 2022 | 10.00-14:00 hrs IST

Background

India's energy basket is in a transition phase. The fossil fuel based derivatives are no longer considered a sustainable means for energy and the focus has shifted towards cleaner sources. Renewable energy, alternative fuels, green hydrogen and zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) are the major focus areas for achieving the climate goals.

To achieve the targets set under Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) on climate change, India has undertaken a slew of measures ranging from increased investment in the clean energy industry to enhanced deployment of electric vehicles.

These measures have the potential to bring forth a complete overhaul in the energy and automotive sector in India. But the process of transitions in its ambit may include adverse implications such as loss of livelihoods for many people who were dependent in the erstwhile sector of automobile or conventional energy generation. The transition to sustainable development therefore will entail adverse costs which, if not addressed adequately, can result in significant ramifications to the Indian economy and its citizens. Therefore, it is imperative for every climate action plan to be modulated in a manner that promotes Just Transition both in the environment aspect and to the people at large.

In this regard, Consumer Unity & Trust Society International (CUTS) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) India Office have undertaken, among others, the following research projects analysing the Transition in Mobility/Transport sector, taking into account perspectives of various stakeholders through primary and secondary research:

1. *Exploring the Impact of Electric Mobility on the Jobs Ecosystem* studied the paradigm shift caused by the adoption of policies on electric mobility in India and its impact on livelihood opportunities that are affected due to such policies
2. *Exploring the Potential of E-mobility as a Booster for Local Economy and Livelihoods in India* studied the employment potential that can be generated from the localisation or the indigenisation of the Electric Vehicle manufacturing system in India and its resultant benefits
3. *Exploring the Potential of Last Mile Transportation as an Enabler for Green Jobs* studied the potential of livelihood opportunities that can be generated from the adoption of Electric Vehicles in the last mile connectivity of the transportation system

Objectives

- To provide a space for relevant stakeholders to discuss perspectives for developing a green economy from a Just Transition point of view
- To work on synergies for cooperation and collaboration amongst the different group of stakeholders
- To enhance the understanding on priorities, approaches and policy advocacy which can contribute to the development of a robust plan for Just Transition

Tentative Agenda

10:00 -10:30 hrs	Registration
10:30 -11:15 hrs	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Welcome remarks by Akash Sharma, Assistant Policy Analyst, CUTS International</p> <p>Introductory Statement by Ulrich Storck, Country Director, FES India</p> <p>Special Remarks by Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International</p> <p>Towards Just Energy Transition – A German perspective</p> <p>Benjamin Reichenbach, Desk Officer, Asia Department, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (tbc)</p> <p>Special Address: Pathways to Just Energy Transition for India</p> <p>Sh. Amitabh Kant, G-20 Sherpa of India, Ministry of External Affairs</p>
11:15 – 11:30 hrs	Q&A session
11:30-12:00 hrs	Networking with Tea & Coffee
12:00-13:15 hrs	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>The scope of Just Transition in electric mobility - Indian context and implementation strategies</i></p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Mandvi Kulshreshtha, Program Adviser, FES India</p> <p>An overview of the findings from studies on Just Transition in Electric Mobility conducted by CUTS in collaboration with FES</p> <p>By Sucharita Bhattacharjee, Policy Analyst, CUTS International</p>

	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gautam Mody, General Secretary, New Trade Union Initiative (NTUI) • Anumita Roy Chowdhury, Executive Director, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) • Siddharth Goyal, Senior Policy Advisor, Energy Program, International Institute for Sustainable Development
13:15 -14:00 hrs	Q&A session
14:00 hrs onwards	Lunch

About CUTS International

CUTS International is a think-tank and advocacy organization that provides a voice to voiceless to express their developmental needs and promotes the ideals of inclusive growth and development.

Established in 1983, as a rural development communication initiative, CUTS is currently at the cutting edge of consumer movement in India as well as across the globe. CUTS Mission is “Consumer Sovereignty in the Framework of Social Justice, Economic Equality and Environmental Balance, Within and Across Borders”. In all its endeavours, CUTS follows the method of research based advocacy and connects the grassroots with national and international policymaking processes.

About FES

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a non-profit German foundation committed to the values of democracy and social justice. Widely acknowledged by the German and Indian governments for being an important actor in the promotion of dialogue (people-to-people contacts), FES has been active in India since the late 1970s and established its official country office in 1983 in New Delhi.

FES India is committed to building platforms of mutual trust for open debate and exchange of new ideas. Through workshops, seminars, exchange programmes, as well as academic papers it is offering nuanced socio-economic analyses and fostering debates on a national, regional and global level.