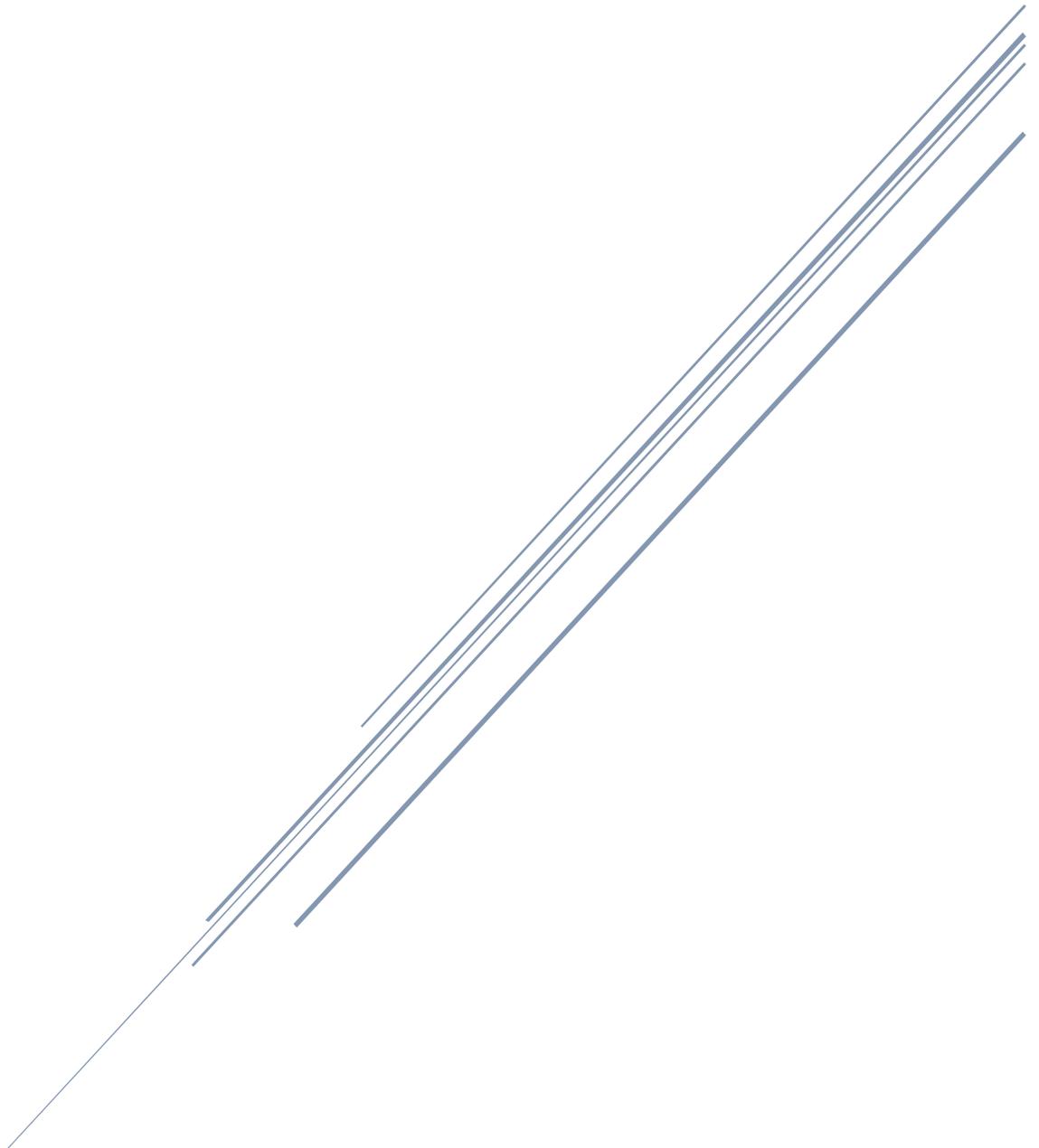


TERI-KAS National workshop on,
“Climate Change: New Age Evolution”

Key Takeaways & Workshop Summary



Short Summary & Key Takeaways: “National Workshop on Climate Change: New Age Evolution”

14th - 17th March 2022, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- Emissions have come down 28% against the 35% target specified in the Paris agreement, however, there is a need to look towards adaptation and mitigation strategies to strengthen climate policies. The fact that despite tremendous progress in technological advancement we’re still at a cautionary point in our environmental progress, showcases the fact that we need significantly upgrade our mitigation efforts on a global scale.
- Higher Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions have several economic implications like loss of jobs, deteriorating GDP status, air pollution etc. We need to remember that we borrow the earth from our previous generation and thereby need to act accordingly. The COVID pandemic taught us the extent to which a global meltdown of services and daily activity can cause on humanity, a climate change crisis will be much more devastating.
- Net Zero is net positive and it must be specified that India needs its own carbon space to develop.
- Hydrothermal Carbonization can treat high moisture waste and enhance resource recovery potential. It can efficiently treat heterogeneous wet waste without pre-drying. Also, it requires lesser time and space than biological processes. It can be carried out at moderate reaction conditions (180- 260° C) under auto-generated pressure.
- The major transformation that we require in short term is to provide subsidies and incentives to electric vehicles and related equipment manufacturers, Also, the quality of public transport particularly bus and rail needs to be improved in terms of safety, comfort and infrastructure.
- Ethanol can be produced through biomass or coal. However, research shows that Biomass to Ethanol (BTE) is more environment friendly whereas Coal to Ethanol (CTE) is commercially viable option. Deeper utilization of fossil fuels during production and carbon sequestration can help to a great extent.
- While India aims for a dedicated and unified natural gas transmission network under the “One Nation One Gas Grid”, its objective to establish a gas-based economy is viable *only* if large domestic reserves are discovered and exploited.
- The proposed Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is based on the idea that a price on carbon consumption will encourage countries to adopt cleaner technologies and clean up their production process, along with avoiding carbon leakages to other countries with relaxed environmental standards. India being EU’s 11th largest import destination and EU being India’s 3rd largest export destination, implementation of CBAM by the EU can make Indian exports expensive, hence altering the trade dynamics between the two countries.
- Coastal indigenous people witness many changes due to climate change, commercial exploitation of marine life, search for hydrocarbons and other resources, pollution,

increasing 'dead areas' and this increases their vulnerability. Addressing this global challenge demands an inclusive solution which will require us to formally recognize the traditional knowledge of Indigenous people worldwide and also establish meaningful partnerships with the indigenous communities.

- Building resilience of communities through investments in social infrastructure and repurposing of land (and infrastructure) to generate employment and attract low-carbon investments is critical for establishing the principle of just transition in India. Additionally, there is also a need for Just Transition in the agricultural sector primarily due to the limited scope of finance institutions, huge dependence on traditional methods for farming (chemical-based farming), and augmented levels of land-induced vulnerability.
- There is a greater need to invest in green technologies as they are more cost effective than brown technologies. To achieve net zero target, we need huge financing of around 2-3 trillion dollars which further requires better cooperation among nations. Achieving the ambitious targets of COP 26 while maintaining just transition requires cooperation among civil society, NGOs, government and private institutions.
- India needs to critically focus on mainstreaming autonomous adaptation for climate resilience within policies such as National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC), State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC) and other sectoral developmental plans. It also must draw out plans for collecting precise data assessments – disaggregated by age, gender, occupation, and income class to better understand the socio-economic impact of climate risk.
- For managing ship-based supply chain and trade ecosystem climate change adaptation needs to account for likely lifetime of the port infrastructure, the operability of the port, resilience under extreme conditions, and building future adaptability into present day port investments.
- With the union ministry looking to mobilize green resource development through sovereign green bonds, it enhances the need to focus on deploying dynamic modelling for fiscal multipliers to improve our climate financing systems.
- To improve climate vulnerability management within the global south, the principles of climate financing 'aid' must be discussed comprehensively on a global level in order to prioritize financing mechanisms amongst regions that are extremely susceptible to environmental changes.

Conference Glimpses



Day 1

Inaugural Session

During the inaugural session, the eminent speakers drew attention towards the increasing need to mend our ways of mitigating climate crises. They believe there is a need to act and adopt a lifestyle for environment to bring true and complete transition and to perhaps achieve our climate goals.

Emissions have come down 28% against the 35% target specified in the Paris agreement, however, we still need to look towards adaptation and mitigation strategies to strengthen climate policies. The fact that we have made tremendous progress in adopting technologies, electric vehicles but we are still heavily paying the cost of reaching the tipping point through environmental degradation points out that there is a further high need to enhance our technological advancement. Ongoing conflicts demands accelerate efforts from nations towards a green environment. While is a need to strengthen adaptation techniques, there is a higher need to solve the root problem of high GHG emissions. Higher GHG emissions have several economic implications like loss of jobs, GDP, air pollution etc. among others. There is a need to remember that we borrow the earth from our next generation and thereby we need to act accordingly.

One important lesson COVID brought was whatever happens in a region affects people in other regions too therefore, we need to generate capacity building. Emphasis was laid on the need for technology sharing and financing from developed to developing countries. Technological alliance is drawn as an important tool to mitigate climate crises.

Net Zero is net positive and it was specified that India needs its own carbon space to develop. There is a greater need to invest in green technologies as they are more cost-effective than brown technologies. It was again emphasised that to achieve net zero target, we need huge

financing of around 2-3 trillion dollars which further requires better cooperation among nations. To achieve the ambitious targets of COP 26 while maintaining just transition requires cooperation among civil society, NGOs, government and private institutions.

Day 2

Session 1 – “From Conventional to Alternatives: Energy Innovations for Net Zero Emissions”

The session focused on the goal of global carbon neutrality which necessitates a transition from conventional fossil fuels to sustainable renewable energy. With the COP-26 setting up higher standards of climate commitments, innovating and adopting new mechanisms for wider and deeper penetration of renewable energy needs to be deliberated upon, considering the fact that India has also upscaled its renewable energy targets and is exploring new renewables like hydrogen fuel.

India produces 1,70,000 ton/d of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) as per the Planning Commission report, 2014. Global waste generation is 0.11-4.5 kg/cap/d. Indian waste generation is 0.2-0.6 kg/cap/d as per the Planning Commission report of 2014. Out of total waste generated, 80% gets collected whereas only 22% gets treated or processed. Treatment options for Wet, Biodegradable waste is identified to be Hydrothermal Carbonization as it can treat high moisture waste and enhance resource recovery potential. It can efficiently treat heterogeneous wet waste without pre-drying. Also, it requires lesser time and space than biological processes. It can be carried out at moderate reaction conditions (180- 260° C) under auto generated pressure. It produces coal-like hydrochar (HC) and process wastewater (PW) loaded with organics. It was concluded that Hydro char can be used as fuel and a soil conditioner and 70-80% protein can be taken out from the process waste.

Bhutan was quite ahead in giving carbon neutral pledges since it gave it in COP 15. They rely on clean hydro-electricity to meet their carbon neutral goal. Not just this, 80% of their hydro-electricity is exported to India. The major drivers of carbon emissions are Population, CO₂/Energy, GDP/population, Energy/GDP. High economic growth for Bhutan is inevitable since the Gross National Happiness (GNH) strategy is multi-dimensional in Bhutan. Therefore, a key message was drawn for policy makers that they should include GNH in the global agenda to mitigate GHG emissions.

Transport is identified as the second largest contributor to global GHG emissions after the power sector. Globally transport sector contributes 14% of total GHG emissions and 23% of all energy-related emissions. However, as per the Indian scenario transport sector contributes 10% of total national GHG emissions and 13.4% of all energy-related emissions (BUR, 2018). Based on varying development and deep decarbonisation conditions, and the corresponding demand-side and supply-side indicators, four alternate pathways have been identified like BAU (Business-as-usual scenario)- based on current policies and programs, DEVF (Development First scenario) which gives precedence to development goals rather than carbon mitigation targets, CNT (Carbon Neutrality scenario which says that one should not force carbon neutrality at a very high cost to the system and people; instead it should focus on comfort, access, convenience, affordability,

and lastly SYNCH (Synchronous scenario) to synchronise the development and decarbonisation objectives.

The major challenge in the modal shift to rail is providing real time information on the movement of freight, price rationalization and capacity enhancement; financing huge investments. Also, there is a need for private sector involvement to convince them to shift to rail. The major transformation required in short term is to provide subsidies and incentives to electric vehicles and related equipment manufacturers, Also, the quality of public transport particularly bus and rail needs to be improved in terms of safety, comfort and infrastructure.

The need to move from Coal to Ethanol based economy is seen. Currently, ethanol blending is 7-8% in India. Ethanol comes majorly from imports i.e. around 0.8 billion litres. The benefit of ethanol blending is that its pollution free and is cost effective and is thereby a flex free route to substitute other fuels. It is easy to substitute ethanol because of its easy availability as 1 tonne of sugarcane produces 10 litres of ethanol. Among many gasifiers techniques like Moving bed, Fluidized bed and Entrained flow, Entrained flow is identified as the most suitable. Ethanol can be produced through biomass or coal. However, research shows that Biomass to Ethanol (BTE) is more environment friendly whereas Coal to Ethanol (CTE) is commercially viable option. Deeper utilization of fossil fuels during production and carbon sequestration can help to a great extent.

Session 2 – “Redefining Sustainable Development in the post COP26 era”

The session focused on the fact that climate change has become a reality today and is evident that our growth has not been sustainable. The current discourse on limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degree C and aiming carbon neutrality by the mid of this century makes it essential to rediscuss our current definition and standards of development. With carbon neutrality set as the new benchmark, there is a need to rediscuss sustainable development parameters be it climate resilient town/city planning, water and sanitisation, green/alternative packaging solutions to name a few.

Sustainable development needs to be seen through a different perspective and there is a need to base it on human and social development. A holistic understanding of sustainable development requires actions to be taken at the national and local levels. It is important to see the community as partners to promote growth and not just as mere beneficiaries. Climate adaptation in the state of Bihar is needed since the state is highly dependent on agriculture for employment and its economic growth. Lack of adaptation funds restricts the adoption of required technologies to carry out adaptation and mitigation. Climate risks are clearly rising, especially due to poor socio-economic conditions, lack of infrastructure, high exposure (in urban centres and high population density areas) and varying climate indicators. There is a need for more precise data and assessments – disaggregated by age, gender, occupation, and income class. Also, there is an urgent need for early warning systems to detect and inform about extreme climate events. Agricultural adaptation to climate change is evident, especially induced by autonomous adaptation channels such as inherent ability & community networks.

There is a need to mainstream autonomous adaptation for climate-resilient agriculture into NAPCC, SAPCCs & sectoral development plans. Provide support for indigenous farming practices derived from traditional knowledge. Incentivize knowledge sharing by local networking platforms along with educational or training programmes. India aims for a dedicated and unified natural gas transmission network under the “One Nation One Gas Grid” policy and also for the implementation of Natural Gas Marketing Reforms to achieve a market price discovery of gas. India’s objective to establish a gas-based economy is viable *only* if large domestic reserves are discovered and exploited.

Session 3- “Trade and Carbon Tax in the Carbon Neutral World”

The session focused on the need of carbon tax to induce a carbon neutral world since European Union, through its EU Green Deal has communicated to the world its carbon neutrality plan for 2050. An important component of the deal is the provision of taxing import goods having high carbon content compared to those produced in Europe, known as the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). Trade partners to the EU especially developing countries have raised concerns stating the potential impacts of CBAM on their exports and competitiveness.

Carbon pricing measures capture the external cost of GHG emissions through the price that is put on carbon. Studies show that carbon emissions reduce by just 0.1% with the carbon tax. The global north depends on the global south since land is cheaper there and no tenure is fixed. Countries in Global south bear the burden and there is a need to better utilize the funds at the state and local level as land is a state subject, the funds should flow to the local level.

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism is a carbon tax going to be levied by the European Union with effect from 2023. It suggests taxing the difference between carbon embodied in domestically and imported goods. The adjustment mechanism is based on the idea that a price on carbon consumption will encourage countries to adopt cleaner technologies and clean up their production process, along with avoiding carbon leakages to other countries with relaxed environmental standards. CBAM is concerned with the carbon footprint and not with the consumption.

India and EU share high trade dependency. India being EU’s 11 largest import destination and EU being India’s 3rd largest export destination, implementation of CBAM by the EU can make Indian exports expensive, hence altering the trade dynamics between the two countries. The five sectors most vulnerable to CBAM are aluminium, fertilizers, iron and steel, cement and electricity. Indian iron and steel, and aluminium can be said to be the sectors at risk from CBAM. The literature suggests that it is important to provide incentives for developing countries to undertake costly emission reductions otherwise it might defeat the very purpose of imposing a tax, here, carbon border adjustment mechanism. The CBAM proposal needs to be improved for its effective implementation through a more rapid phase out of free allowances and mobilization of revenues from developed to developing economies for climate justice.

Session 4- “Reducing Island/Coastal Vulnerability”

The session focussed on some of the major vulnerabilities and issues of coastal and island areas and suggested innovative ways to make coastal and island areas climate resilient since the fast pacing global temperature rise is having a visible detrimental effect on coastal livelihood to the extent jeopardising the existence of several island nations. Irrespective of the fact that their contribution to global temperature rise is negligible, island and coastal communities are bearing a massive brunt of climate change. They now face a completely different set of problems like that of livelihood loss, biodiversity-marine biodiversity loss and environmental refugees to name a few.

Oceans are the lifeline and are much more important to the human existence than we imagine. Sustainable Development Goal 14 mentions the need and importance to “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.” However, Ocean governance still remains in nascent stage and is still emerging as a concept. Coastal indigenous people witness many changes due to climate change, commercial exploitation of marine life, search for hydrocarbons and other resources, pollution, increasing ‘dead areas’ and this increases their vulnerability. Addressing this global challenge demands an inclusive solution which will require a need for the ocean observing community to formally recognize the traditional knowledge of Indigenous people worldwide and also establish meaningful partnerships with the indigenous communities, organizations and nations to learn and respect each others’ ways of knowing. The case of the Inuit community was taken to explain the changes in the Arctic ocean due to climate change, commercialization, tourism etc.

Climate crises are resulting in increase in sea level, wind wave, high sea level temperature resulting in coastal inundation (tsunami, floods, storms). Rise in sea level has irreversible long-term effects. A robust Integrated-Flood Warning System needs to be established as in Mumbai and Chennai. Maritime India vision 2030 is to provide \$US 40 billion through investments and also aims to create 2 million new jobs. There needs to be key climate consideration for the port ecosystem. The catchment area of concern for port operations falls well beyond its location and must consider the emerging climate risks in both the foreland as well as the hinterland. Adaptation to climate change needs to account for local conditions, likely lifetime of the port infrastructure, the operability of the port, resilience under extreme conditions, and building future adaptability into present day port investments. The transition towards a “landlord” model may limit the ability of the port authorities to “enforce” adaptation measures and lack of communication and integration between port authorities and city authorities are identified as major challenges in the Indian context.

Day 3

Session V- “Climate Change Capital Inflow: How can a change be fostered”

The session focussed on the need to channelize the green investment for mitigating the effects of climate change. It has been assessed that estimates for investment needs for the propagation of SDGs in developing nations range from 3.3 trillion US dollars to 4.5 trillion US dollars per year. It has been reported that at current levels of investment in SDG relevant sectors the developing countries alone face an annual investment gap of 2.5 trillion US dollars. Additionally, given that many countries within the Asia-Pacific region don’t have adequate financing mechanisms, recent

estimates suggest that achieving the SDGs by 2030 will require an annual additional investment of 1.5 trillion US dollars for developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. As we move deeper into the decade which has been described by the latest IPCC report as the most critical time to reinvent our environment, more aggressive steps will have to be taken for the mitigation of the climate crises.

The idea of climate finance is primarily different for developed and developing nations. The developed nations view it as aid whereas developing countries view it as private finance. Various tools to aid climate finance are External sources (energy bonds, loans, grants, special investments) and Budgetary sources (carbon tax, property tax, sovereign bonds etc.). Sovereign Green Bonds are issued by Central Government and its issuance entirely depends on centre.

Minister of Finance announced that “As a part of the government’s overall market borrowings in 2022-23, sovereign green bonds will be issued for mobilising resources for green infrastructure. The proceeds will be deployed in public sector projects which help in reducing the carbon intensity of the economy” in Union Budget 2022-23. Dynamic modelling of fiscal multipliers is needed. All developing countries are climatically vulnerable and risk profile gets mitigated when we make these finance. Money is heavily invested in adaptation of small island countries which are sparsely populated. Despite this, the adaptation aid does not even reflect the vulnerability. There should be greater flow to Bangladesh type countries which are highly populated.

Aid is meant to improve the welfare of the recipient nations not just through funds but even technological flow. Today, there is very little flow from donor to recipient nations. Between 2016-2018 domestic private investors contributed about INR 139 thousand crores through debt and equity for renewable energy development. The bulk of public finance was directed towards the power generation sector (70%) followed by energy efficiency and power transmission (20%), and sustainable transportation (10%). At the micro level, micro credit financing has proven to be a successful tool to enable entrepreneurship, increase standard of living, and improve livelihood maintenance. In India, currently there over 100 regulated Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) exist. Employ greater vigilance on the risk to return ratio of different financial instruments and how they are being leveraged. Human capital as a variable should not be ignored in the net zero discussions.

Session VI – “Technological Transformation for Clean Energy Expansion”

This session deliberated on viable technologies that can help in the expansion of clean energy and it also focussed on a few market-based policy mechanisms that can support their adoption. With India now aiming at 2070 as the year to achieve its net zero, the robustness of the technological segment will now be tested. While upgradation and development of several technologies within solar, wind and ocean energy have become more and more mainstream, a streamlined approach for their management and development is still not in place. While investment in R&D is the standard norm, allowing the market to choose the best technology available is a major policy decision that cautiously needs to be looked at.

There is a need to move from capacity to production. Also, energy storage was given high importance in Budget'23 as well. A report by ICRA estimates that India would need roughly USD 450-500 bn investment India would roughly need 450-500 bn investments including investment in transmission infrastructure and storage capabilities to meet its ambitious COP26 targets.

There are primarily three technologies to harness solar energy i.e. photovoltaics, which directly convert light to electricity, concentrating solar power (CSP), which uses heat from the sun; thermal energy to drive utility scale, electric turbines; solar heating and cooling systems, which collect thermal energy to provide hot water and air heating or conditioning. The research on the motivations for solar technology adoption at the residential scale suggests several important considerations related to economic considerations including upfront cost, economic savings, and economic incentivization, environmental values, peer influence and access to information.

With an additional allocation of Rs 19,500 crore for the production linked incentives (PLI) for high efficiency module manufacturing of 280 GW capacity, it will strengthen government's attempts to dramatically expand solar cell and module manufacturing in the country and help achieve the target of 500 GW installed RE generation capacity by 2030.

Session VII – “People Centric Transition- Determining a pathway for transition from all fossil fuels”

The session focussed on determining a pathway for transition from all fossil fuels since the sectoral and economic transformation which India is likely to face due to its reliance on fossil fuels is extremely high. It is believed that if the principle of energy transition is not handled correctly, there can be an exhaustive increase in stranded workers and communities. While a people centric transition from coal production has seen the light of the day, there is greater need to focus on how transition activities of other fossil fuels will be managed.

India's target is to 500 GW RE by 2030, China's target is to introduce 35% electricity from RE by 2030 whereas Latin America aims 70% RE by 2030. However, they face challenges of integrating renewables, partly as a result of incompatible institutions. Beyond 30–50%, unless renewable electricity can be shifted across time or space, the amount of renewable electricity generated will likely need to be reduced or curtailed at the source. In India, 90% of all power is traded through long-term contracts, foreclosing options to balance intermittency across space.

There are several implications for India in RE integration as wholesale markets only account for 4% of volume transacted. Proposal to introduce a nation-wide market-based dispatch (2018) is yet to take off due to severe shortage of working capital and centralization of dispatch which results in loss of autonomy for local governments. Coal mining, coal-based power, and road transportation will experience major disruptions in the next 10 years. 60 districts in 16 states will be impacted. These districts account for 95% coal and lignite production; 60% coal-based power capacity; 90% automobile and ACM. High concentration in coal-belt Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha. There is an imperative for just transition in coal sector through restructuring of the economy and industries by building better through low-carbon investments; harnessing local

resource potential, revenue substitution and JT investments through economic diversification to replace mono-industry dependence; building resilience of communities through investments in social infrastructure and repurposing of land (and infrastructure) through opportunity to generate employment and attract low-carbon investments.

There is a need for Just transition in agricultural sector primarily due to Limited scope of finance institutions, huge dependence on traditional methods for farming (chemical-based farming), highly vulnerable and marginalized people and due to lack of awareness and technical knowhow among farmers refrain the diversification of farm operations and efficient use of green technology. Establishing more and more Custom Hiring Centre's can induce the supply of farm equipment to marginalized farmers at subsidized rates on hire. Even, Farmer Producer Organizations can help provide small scale farmers with all end to end services. There is a greater need for convergence of policies and funding schemes at the local level for their proper implementation. Affordable climate smart technologies through target subsidies or by spreading the capital cost over time, suggest a faster and inclusive transition to climate smart agriculture.

Concluding Session

The world is constantly changing, and we need countries like India to take the lead. The need for carbon neutrality discourse as specified by the IPCC report, is a clear indication that the world needs a readjustment, a transformation of working of all political, economic, technological systems. This transition requires humungous infusion of financial resources. Largely financed through public sector, private sector has a key role to play in today's sustainable development narrative and augmenting climate change financing. It is estimated that current gaps in investment in developing countries is around USD 2.5 trillion per year.

The transport sector is the biggest source of carbon emission thereby, a push for electric mobility can help create conducive and sustainable environment. In a push for electric vehicles, battery swapping policy along with inter-operability standards can help in improving efficiency of EV ecosystem. The energy dialogue forced us to rethink and examine our approach towards addressing climate change. The conference deliberated on the need to move from diesel operated to Electric vehicles, coal to ethanol-based economy, technological transformation etc. and the apparent need for just transition while we aim for a complete transition from coal to green economy.

Day 4

The fourth day of the conference was dedicated for a visit to Chilika Lake. The lagoon can be broadly divided into four ecological sectors based on salinity and depth, namely the southern zone, the central zone, the northern zone and the outer channel. There is a list of rare, threatened and endangered species. On account of its rich bio-diversity, Chilika lake was designated as a "Ramsar Site", i.e. a wetland of International Importance. A number of islands

are present in the lagoon, prominent among which are Krushnaprasad, Nalaban, Kalijai, Somolo and Birds Islands. This visit was particularly to Nalabana Bird Sanctuary.

The Nalaban Island within the lake is notified as a Bird Sanctuary under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The National Wetlands, Mangroves and Coral Reefs Committee has identified the lake as a priority site for conservation and management. The Lake is a highly productive ecosystem, with rich fishery resources. The rich fishing grounds sustain the livelihood of more than 0.2 million fisherfolk who live in and around the lake. It has a great heritage value and also supports maritime trade with the far east countries.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1
14th March 2022

Arrival at Vivanta Bhubaneswar, DN Square, Bhubaneswar

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Inaugural session

- **Welcome Remarks** – Mr. Souvik Bhattacharjya, Associate Director, The Energy and Resources Institute
 - **Opening Remarks** – Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative India, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
 - **Welcome Address:** Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute
 - **Special Remarks** – Mr. R R Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow & Programme Director, The Energy and Resources Institute
 - **Special Addresses** – Shri Sisir Kumar Ratho, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Odisha.
 - **Theme Address** – Shri Jayant Sinha, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (**virtual**)
 - **Vote of Thanks** – Mr. Kartikey Sharma, Research Associate, The Energy and Resources Institute
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Dinner ***8.30 pm onwards***

Day 2 – 15th March 2022

9.30 am – 11.00 am

Session I – From Conventional to Alternatives- Energy Innovations for Net Zero Emission

The call for global carbon neutrality necessitates a transition from conventional fossil fuels to sustainable renewable energy. With the COP-26 setting up higher standards of climate commitments, innovating and adopting new mechanisms for wider and deeper penetration of renewable energy needs to be deliberated upon, considering the fact that India has also upscaled its renewable energy targets and is exploring new renewables like hydrogen fuel.

Session Chair – Mr. Subrahmanyam Pulipaka, Chief Executive Officer, National Solar Energy Federation of India (virtual)

Panellists

- Dr. Divya Gupta, Research Scholar, IIT Bombay
- Dr. Dorji Yangka, Independent Consultant (**virtual**)
- Prof. Dipti Gupta, Assistant Professor, IIM Lucknow (**virtual**)
- Mr. Souvik Bhattacharjya, Associate Director, TERI

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Tea Break

11.30 am – 1.00 pm

*Session II – Redefining Sustainable Development in
post COP-26 era*

The fact that climate change has become a reality today and is a evidence that our growth has not been sustainable. The current discourse on limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degree C and aiming carbon neutrality by the mid of this century makes it essential to rediscuss our current definition and standards of development. With carbon neutrality set the new benchmark, there is a need to rediscuss sustainable development parameters be it climate resilient town/city planning, water and sanitisation, green/alternative packaging solutions to name a few.

Session Chair – Mr. R. R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute

Panellists

- Dr. Bibhu Prasad Nayak, Associate Professor at School of Livelihoods and Development, Tata Institute of Social Science
- Dr. Meeta Keshwani Mehra, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Dr. Oliver Nelson Gonsalves, Research Fellow, National Maritime Foundation
- Dr Manish Anand, Fellow, TERI (**virtual**)

1:00 pm - 2.00 pm

Lunch Break

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Session III – Trade and Carbon Tax in the Carbon Neutral World

European Union, through its EU Green Deal has communicated to the world its carbon neutrality plan for 2050. An important component of the deal is the provision of taxing import goods having high carbon content compared to those produced in Europe, known as Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). Trade partners to EU especially developing countries have raised concerns stating the potential impacts of CBAM on their exports and competitiveness. Considering the globalised nature of present day world and economic trade dependence of countries, this session tends to deliberate on the various dimension and impacts of a carbon tax on international trade, potential carbon emission, macroeconomic variables and etc.

Session Chair – Dr. Nitya Nanda, Director, Council for Social Development

Panellists

- Ms. Nidhi Srivastava - Independent law and policy consultant
- Ms. Vatsala Sharma, Associate Fellow, TERI
- Mr. Pranab R Choudhury, Associate Director, Center for Land Governance

3.30 pm- 4.00 pm

Coffee/tea break

4.00 pm – 05.30 pm

Session IV – Reducing Island/ Coastal Vulnerability

The fast pacing global temperature rise is having a visible detrimental effect on coastal livelihood to the extent jeopardising the existence of several island nations. Irrespective of the fact that their contribution to global temperature rise is negligible, island and coastal communities are bearing a massive brunt of climate change. They now face a completely different set of problems like that of livelihood loss, biodiversity-marine biodiversity loss and environmental refugees to name a few. This session aims to highlight some of the major vulnerabilities and issues of coastal and island areas and suggest innovative ways to make coastal and island areas climate resilient.

Session Chair – Dr. Atanu Kumar Raha, Ex- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests West Bengal

Panellists

- Dr. Sabin Thazhe Purayil, Scientist E, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (**virtual**)
- Dr. Uma Sankar Panda, Scientist E, National Center for Coastal Research
- Ms Rashmi B Ramesh, PhD scholar, School of Conflict and Security Studies, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)
- Dr Pushp Bajaj, Research Fellow, National Maritime Foundation

DAY 3 – 16th March 2022

9.30 am – 11.00 am

Session V – Climate Change Capital Inflow: How Can a Change be Fostered?

About: It has been assessed that estimates for investment needs for the propagation of SDGs in developing nations range from 3.3 trillion US dollars to 4.5 trillion US dollars per year. It has been reported that at current levels of investment in SDG relevant sectors the developing countries alone face an annual investment gap of 2.5 trillion US dollars. Additionally, given that many countries within the Asia-Pacific region don't have adequate financing mechanisms, recent estimates suggest that achieving the SDGs by 2030 will require an annual additional investment of 1.5 trillion US dollars for developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

As we move deeper into the decade which has been described by the latest IPCC report as the most critical time to reinvent our environment, more aggressive steps will have to be taken for the mitigation of the climate crises. In this session we shall deliberate how new age climate financing products can help bridge the financing gap and foster a radical change in our battle against climate change.

Session Chair – Dr. Nitya Nanda, Director, Council for Social Development

Panellists

- Ms. Ananya Goyal, Research Fellow, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
- Mr. Kartikey Sharma, Research Associate, The Energy and Resources Institute
- Mr. Saransh Bajpai, Senior Manager, World Resources Institute
- Prof. Vivekananda Mukherjee, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus

11.00 am- 11.30 am – Tea/Coffee Break

11.30 am – 1.00 pm

Session VI – Technological Transformation for Clean Energy Expansion

About: With India now aiming at 2070 as the year to achieve its net zero, the robustness of the technological segment will now be tested. While upgradation and development of several technologies within solar, wind and ocean energy have become more and more mainstream, a streamlined approach for their management and development is still not in place. While investment in R&D is the standard norm, allowing the market to choose the best technology available is a major policy decision that cautiously needs to be looked at. In this session we shall deliberate on viable technologies that can make a difference and market based policy mechanisms that can support their adoption.

Session Chair – Dr. Jitendra Vir Sharma, Director, Land Resources – The Energy and Resources Institute

Panellists

- Ms. Sandhya Sundararagavan, Lead - Energy Transitions, World Resources Institute (**virtual**)
- Mr. Nitin Bajpai, Project Manager, Green Story
- Mr. Sushovon Bej, Program Specialist, GIZ (**virtual**)

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm- 3.30 pm

Session VII – People Centric Transition – Determining a pathway for transition from all fossil fuels

About: The sectoral and economic transformation which India is likely to face due to its reliance on fossil fuels is extremely high. If the principle of energy transition is not handled correctly, we can potentially see an exhaustive increase in stranded workers and communities.

While a people centric transition from coal production has seen the light of the day, there is little information available on how transition activities of other fossil fuels will be managed. In this session we shall deliberate this notion and understand the requisite frameworks that can be developed for their adoption.

Session chair – Mr. Souvik Bhattacharjya, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, TERI

Panellists

- Ms. Akanksha Golchha, Lead - Clean Energy Access & Finance, NRDC (**virtual**)
- Dr Kaveri Iychettira, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- Dr. Srestha Banerjee, Director, Just Transition, International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology
- Ms Khushi Gupta, Research Scholar, Jindal Global University

3.30 pm – 4 pm

Tea/Coffee Break

4.00 pm- 5.00 pm

Concluding Session – Scenario Charting for India’s Climate Change Future

- **Welcome Address:** Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI (**virtual**)
- **Valedictory Address:** Shri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha

Vote of Thanks

- Mr. Pankaj Madan, Team Leader Programme Coordination, KAS India
- Mr. Souvik Bhattacharjya, Associate Director and Senior Fellow, TERI

DAY 4 – 17th March 2022

Site Visit/ Departure

- Site Visit to Chilika Lake
- Departure

Bio Notes



Mr. Peter Max Rimmele is currently the Resident Representative of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office, India. He took public office as Ministerialrat, Head of Division at the State Ministry of the Interior in Saxony, Germany, from November 1991 on until 2000. There he first served in the Police and Security and in the Local Government Department. On behalf of the German Foreign Ministry he served in East Timor as Registrar General, Head of Civil Registry and Notary Services (UNTAET), and later the principal Advisor for Governance Reform for GIZ (German International Cooperation) to the Ministry of Administrative Reform and the Anti-Corruption-Commission of the Republic of Indonesia for 7 years. He was also Principal Advisor Good Governance/Justice Program in Rwanda. Earlier he was Resident Representative Lebanon, Director of Rule of Law Program Middle East North Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



Dr Vibha Dhawan is the Director General of India's premier research institution- The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and has been associated with TERI since 1985. Dr Dhawan is actively involved in research as well as policy development at the national and international levels. Dr Dhawan is a well-published researcher and has been instrumental in the establishment of the highly successful Micropropagation Technology Park at TERI. In the area of advanced biofuels, she guides the activities of the DBT-TERI Centre on Integrated Production of Advanced Biofuels and Bio commodities.



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Mr. Jayant Sinha is a second term Member of Parliament from Jharkhand, India. Mr. Sinha won his Lok Sabha elections in 2014 and 2019 with record margins. As Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, Mr. Sinha leads the 31 member Parliamentary panel that has oversight of the Ministries of Finance, Corporate Affairs, Statistics & Program Implementation, and the Niti Aayog (the government planning agency). In addition, the panel has Parliamentary responsibility for the Reserve Bank of India, the Securities & Exchange Board of India, the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board, and the Insurance and Pension regulatory authorities. Mr. Sinha is very active in Parliament having opened the debate on India's Annual Budget on multiple occasions as well as by introducing important Private Member Bills. In the 2021 Budget session, he introduced the Climate Change (Net Zero Carbon) Private Member Bill 2021



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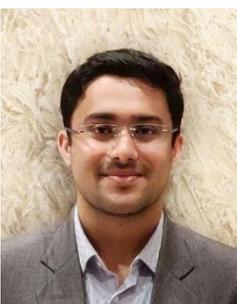
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