



Energy Driving Low-Carbon Local Economies

Round Table Discussion
10th October 2015

- 09:00 - 09:30 Registration and Tea/Coffee
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Introduction**
Welcome and Expectation Setting
Sharing of Field Observations
- 09:50 – 10:00 **Opening Remarks by Chair**
Dr. Arunish Chawla, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Discussion Round 1: Moderated Deliberations**
Are there other energy systems that can create low-carbon local development?
Do decentralised renewable energy (DRE) systems have more relevance than conventional systems in low-carbon local development?
- 11:00 - 11:15 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:15 - 12:30 **Discussion Round 2: Moderated Deliberations**
What are the inputs required in finance, technology, skills and policy to make a decentralised renewable energy system viable?
Who will provide these inputs and make investments?
- 12:30 - 12:50 **Concluding Session**
The place of decentralised renewable energy systems in India's energy future; key recommendations in the areas of finance, technology, skills and policy for low-carbon local development.
- 12:50 - 13:00 **Closing Remarks by Chair**
- 13:00 - 13:10 Vote of Thanks
- 13:10 Lunch

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Structure: Round Table Discussion

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Objective

To collectively understand the feasibility of decentralised low-carbon production systems as drivers for inclusive, low-carbon economic growth.

The technological revolution to enable low-carbon economic growth has to be driven by appropriate thrusts in finance, markets, policy, skills and capacities in order to ensure its viability. An analysis of the inputs and outputs of this technology ecosystem would lead to the identification of targeted recommendations for direct and indirect employment creation and for providing socio-economic benefits without environmental repercussions.

Participants will bring in perspectives of planning, practice or decision making. The discussion will be guided by the following key questions:

- 1. Are there other energy systems that can create low-carbon local development? Do decentralised renewable energy (DRE) systems have more relevance than conventional systems in low-carbon local development?**
- 2. What are the inputs required in finance, technology, skills and policy to make a decentralised renewable energy system viable? Who will provide these inputs and make investments?**

Expected Outcome

The insights brought forth during the discussion will be condensed into recommendations for transitioning to a low-carbon economy. The recommendations and imperatives will also highlight the investments required. These investments would range from input into a technological ecosystem to financing the transition to finally building capacities and skills.

The outcomes of the discussion would be shared with decision makers and actors engaged in energy production and distribution systems, as well as in National Missions, in local employment generation and skill building programmes.

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