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Just Energy Transitions and SDGs: Tools and Enablers

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Venue: Blue Zone B6, Building 78, SE no.3

Speaker Bio notes






Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri, Former Diplomat and Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute - TERI

Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1982 and has served as Ambassador of India to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg, Nepal and as Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN. In addition, he has served twice in Germany (in Bonn and Berlin), in Cape Town, Muscat, Bangkok and Caracas. Major areas of his experience and professional focus relate to the environment, in particular climate change and sustainable development. He was a lead negotiator for India at the UN on issues relating to the post 2015 development agenda, Sustainable Development Goals and at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012. He was a key member of India's delegation at various Climate Change negotiations, including the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen in December 2009 and before that at Montreal, Bali, Bonn and Poznan.





Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI

Dr Vibha Dhawan's long association with The Energy and Resources Institute dates back to 1985. During 2005-2007 she led TERI School of Advanced Studies in the capacity of Vice-Chancellor. She is a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India and is currently also serving as an Adjunct Professor, at Consul General South Asia Partnership, Michigan State University. Being driven by a deep academic and research interest, Dr Dhawan has authored 6 books and over 50 publications, which have added immense value in scientific research. Dr Dhawan's thought leadership and engagement in research as well as policy development, both at the national and international level is widely acknowledged. She is currently a task force member of National Committees with the Department of Biotechnology, the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, and the Biotech Consortium India.

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|  <p>Dr Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance</p> | <p>Dr Ajay Mathur is the Director General of the International Solar Alliance. He earlier headed The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), and the Indian Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), and was responsible for mainstreaming energy efficiency in houses, offices and industries through a number of innovative initiatives. He was a leading climate change negotiator and was the Indian spokesperson at the Paris climate negotiations. He served as the interim Director of the Green Climate Fund during its foundational period. At TERI, he has spearheaded the move to accelerate action towards a low-carbon and cleaner economy through the adoption of renewable energy in the Indian electricity sector, enhancing efficiency in buildings and industry, and promoting environmental quality through recycling of material wastes and biotechnology-based solutions. He was also member of Indian Prime Minister’s Council on Climate Change and co-chairs of the global Energy Transitions Commission.</p> |
|  <p>Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General and Group Chief of the Sectors Group, Asian Development Bank</p> | <p>Mr Ramesh Subramaniam has been with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) since April 1997. Previously, he was Senior Director at the Office of Regional Economic Integration (OREI). At OREI, he managed 4 teams dealing with the 4 pillars of ADB’s Regional Cooperation and Integration Strategy, namely: Trade and Investment; Monetary and Financial Integration; Infrastructure Connectivity; and Regional Public Goods. Outside of ADB, he is a volunteer/coordinator at a School for about 170 children, that infuses basic, yet fundamental, human values of Truth, Peace, Right Conduct, Non-violence and Love, in education.</p> |
|  <p>Mr Fabby Tumiwa, Executive Director, Institute for Essential Services Reform</p> | <p>Fabby Tumiwa is the Executive Director and an energy transition strategist. He was a founding member of IESR in 2006 and leading the institution since its establishment. For more than 20 years, Fabby Tumiwa has worked on a wide range of energy policies and regulations. He is an advocate for renewable energy. He advises Indonesian government agencies, businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and multilateral development organizations on electricity regulation, renewable energy policy, energy efficiency policy, and climate change policy.</p> |

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|  <p>Dr Shailly Kedia, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, TERI</p> | <p>Dr Shailly Kedia is a policy researcher who is a Senior Fellow and Associate Director with the Centre for Sustainable Development Research and Leadership at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). She is also the Curator of the World Sustainable Development Summit. Dr Kedia is a multidisciplinary research professional with over 18 years of experience in policy research, outreach, and capacity building. Her work includes green budgeting, green public procurement, sustainable consumption and production, green growth, international organization, finance, and the interface between climate and sustainable development. She was the co-chair of the taskforce on Lifestyles of the Think20, an official engagement group of the G20 under India’s G20 Presidency.</p> |
|  <p>Dr Solveig Aamodt, Senior Researcher · CICERO - Center for International Climate Research</p> | <p>Dr Solveig Aamodt is currently a senior researcher at CICERO Center for International Climate and Environmental Research – Oslo. From May 2017 she will also be a researcher at ARENA Centre for European Studies. She holds an MA in Political Science from the University of Oslo, Norway and has been a visiting researcher at the University of Brasilia, Brazil. Aamodt's PhD project is financed by the Centre for International Climate and Energy Policy (CICEP), and her research focuses on comparative analyses of climate policies in large developing countries, mainly Brazil and India. Her main research interests include domestic and international climate and energy policies, with a special focus on the BASIC countries (Brazil, South Africa, India, and China).</p> |
|  <p>Dr Gopal K Sarangi, Associate Professor TERI School of Advanced Studies</p> | <p>Dr Gopal K Sarangi is an economist with more than fifteen years of research and consulting experience. His primary domain of research covers energy market and regulation, intersection of energy technologies, fuels and resources with public policies, social systems and processes, energy and climate nexus, governance and institutional analysis of energy transition questions and impact assessment of energy and environmental interventions. He has a PhD on ‘Sustainability Assessment of India Electricity Sector’, from TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi. He has contributed as PI, Co-PI, and team member to several collaborative projects. To his credit, he has published several peer-reviewed research papers in the domain of his research and has been invited to deliver talks in several national and international forums. He teaches courses on development economics, managerial economics and environmental economics.</p> |

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|  <p>Bhavya Batra (PhD Scholar), TERI School of Advanced Studies</p> | <p>Ms Bhavya is a PhD candidate at TERI School of Advanced Studies, and is a part of research project INDGREEN, in collaboration with CICERO and funded by Research Council of Norway that aims to understand India's ambitions of becoming a global green leader. Her research focuses on just transition in India and on understanding synergies and trade-offs of solar energy transition with other SDGs, from an inequality perspective. She has done her Master's in Climate Science and Policy from TERI School of Advanced Studies.</p> |
|  <p>Ms Kate Logan, Associate Director of Climate, Asia Society Policy Institute</p> | <p>Kate Logan is Associate Director of Climate at the Asia Society Policy Institute. She is also a Fellow with ASPI's Center for China Analysis. Her work focuses on enhancing climate action across Asia, including developing a stronger regional vision for achieving net-zero emissions and encouraging more ambitious action in key national jurisdictions, especially China. Logan joined ASPI from ClimateWorks Foundation, where she managed grants for the Clean Energy, Clean Air initiative to rapidly transform the global power sector away from coal power and toward clean energy in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies. She also led efforts to engage subnational governments to adopt net-zero emissions targets and join the Race to Zero campaign on behalf of the UN High-level Climate Champions in the lead-up to COP26 in Glasgow. Logan began her career in Beijing, China, where she was a Princeton in Asia Fellow at the Natural Resources Defense Council and later directed international outreach and green supply chain initiatives for the Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs, a non-profit founded by Chinese environmentalist Ma Jun. She also co-founded and produced Environment China, a podcast on solutions to China's environmental challenges.</p> |