

Understanding the Impact of COVID-19 on India's Energy System and Economy

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Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused massive disruption to the Indian economy. Energy consumption collapsed during the lockdown, but it has now recovered back towards pre-pandemic levels. However, the pandemic's mid-term economic impact is unclear, and it is therefore uncertain how fast India's energy demand will grow in the future.

This question is linked also to the stimulus measures and structural reforms undertaken or planned by the Government of India, which could play a substantial role in reshaping the energy system in the short and medium-term. This webinar will focus on how India can create opportunities for a green and inclusive economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The key questions to be addressed will essentially include:

- What is the likely impact of COVID-19 on the economy and Indian energy system in 2020 and the next few years?
- What are the key strategies for inclusive and green recovery for sustainable growth best suited in Indian policy landscape?
- What are the challenges, gaps and opportunities to plan and implement these green recovery actions and strategies in the Indian policy landscape?

Agenda

14:30-14:35	Welcome and Introduction
14:35-14:40	Setting the context Mr Thomas Spencer, TERI Launch of The Climate Transparency Report 2020: Country Profile
14:40-15:20	Discussions Moderator: Mr RR Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, TERI Panellists Key Components for an Indian Stimulus Package, Mr Ajay Shankar, Distinguished Fellow, TERI

	<p>What Can We Expect from the Indian Energy System and Emissions in 2020 and Beyond? Mr Pascal Charriau, CEO, Enerdata</p> <p>India's Green Stimulus in an International Context, Mr Jeffrey Beyer, Vivid Economics</p> <p>Tracking the Climate Impacts of India's Green Stimulus, Mr Chris Beaton, IISD</p>
15:20-15:30	Q and A with the Panellists