



Press Release

Joint collaboration in technology transfer will lead to India achieving post-2015 agenda: TERI

Embassy of France and TERI discussed the challenges in achieving SDGs and presidencies of COP22

New Delhi, September 9, 2016: Citing the example of the recent Indo-French technological cooperation, **H.E. Mr. Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France to India** said that we need to leverage our limited public resources efficiently for technology innovations that are oriented towards solutions, at the New Delhi Regional Dialogue hosted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in association with Embassy of France today. The Ambassador added that discussions on technology issues must also focus on ways to engage with the private sector as technologies are usually not owned by governments. The half-day seminar focused on partnership for innovation and technology in order to strengthen the commitment towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and implementing the Paris Agreement.

Manifesting its strong will in line with the post-2015 agenda, India has already established an ambitious legal and political framework to promote sustainable development to deal with climate change. This is an illustration of the fact that India is committed to evaluate its development plan in the context of this environmental impact. This is an approach that is also rooted in its traditions and values of conservation and moderation, being simultaneously committed to a brighter and more sustainable future.

Emphasizing the need for a balanced approach in achieving the SDGs, **Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI**, said, "The key question is how we manage the volatility in the supply and demand of energy vis-a-vis technology change." He added, "How people and planet will progress will depend amongst other things on how we manage technological change." Announcing the World Sustainable Development Summit 2016, he said that 'People, Planet and Progress' is also the theme of the Summit which is to be held from 5-8 October.

The technological needs of the country are situated in the context of a dual economy, where, on one hand, India stands out as a growing economy with an increasingly competitive industry at the global level, a large section of the middle class, and technically qualified labour force; and on the other hand, it faces major challenges with 70% of its population living in the rural areas, a significant number struggling below poverty line with low or zero level of access to electricity, health services, nutrition and

drinking water. This is a situation that demands the requirement of a multi-pronged strategy for different segments of the economy.

Currently, there is a need to identify the gaps for facilitating the technology transfer in India. As the technology framework under the Paris Agreement remains to be designed, it would be useful to identify relevant options and requirements for technology partnerships, as well as the enablers and obstacles at the pre-commercialization, commercialization and diffusion stages.

Present during the Valedictory session, Ambassador Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary said, "Technology is going to be a critical element of any solution related to climate change." He further added that extraordinary challenges lead to extraordinary solutions.

The seminar was attended by eminent personalities such as Dr Prabhat Ranjan, TIFAC; Mr Cyril Carabot, Secretary General, Union for Renewable Energies, France; Prof. Ambuj Sagar, IIT Delhi; Prof. Jyoti Parikh, IRADe; Ms Leena Pishu Thomas, Global Business Inroads; Ms. Neelima Jain, UJALA; Dr Emmanuel Flahaut, French Commission for Atomic Energy and New Energy, France; Dr Anshu Bharadwaj, CSTEP Bangalore; and Dr. Mukesh Kumar, CEFIPRA.

The New Delhi Regional Dialogue was the last in the series of regional dialogues across various zones that TERI hosted in the run-up to WSDS 2016 – Bengaluru, Mumbai, Guwahati and New Delhi. The WSDS 2016 carries forward the legacy of Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS). WSDS 2016, themed '*Beyond 2015: People, Planet & Progress*', 5-8 October, will be among the first international platforms to discuss the new development agenda post the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the signing of the Paris Agreement at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21). The attempt will be to initiate discussions on methodologies that need to be adopted to chalk out a path to realize the SDGs beyond 2015.

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