



## Coming-into-force of the Paris Agreement marks the beginning of concerted climate change action

**New Delhi, November 4, 2016:** The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) today welcomed the enforcement of the Paris Agreement. The Agreement comes into effect less than a year after it was adopted in Paris on December 12, 2015. Over 90 countries accounting for over 64% of global greenhouse gas emissions have ratified or formally joined the Agreement, with India ratifying the Agreement on October 2, 2016.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI said, “The swift coming into force of the Agreement reflects the changed sensibilities across the world in addressing climate change, and the wide appreciation of the need to act expeditiously. The Paris Agreement is also a testament to collaboration and perseverance - of nations who debated and negotiated to ultimately reach a consensus, and of NGOs and multilateral organisations who contributed to and encouraged the parties to the Agreement.”

“The Agreement is inclusive, recognizing the development imperatives of nations like India and the developing world. It is just, upholding and operationalizing the principles of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities. And, at the same time it is ambitious, setting us on the path of progressively increasing mitigation measures. Most importantly, the Agreement demonstrates that development and protecting the climate are not competing goals”, he added.

India played a constructive and collaborative role towards reaching the Agreement. India’s Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) pledge a 33-35 per cent reduction in emissions intensity of GDP by 2030. Towards this, the country has pledged to increase the share of renewable sources of energy, a major focus on energy efficiency as well as a range of measures that decrease the environmental footprint of the nation’s development roadmap.

“In the coming weeks at the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Conference of Parties in Marrakesh, Morocco, the nations of the world will look to define actions that can be fast-forwarded in the four years before the requirements of the Agreement become operative in 2020. Today thus marks not the end, but the beginning of this journey”, said Dr Mathur.

Under the provisions of the Paris Agreement, the member countries have established a framework within which each would pledge its climate change actions over an agreed period of time – in the first instance till 2030, and then progressively more ambitious actions for successive five-year periods. The Agreement has also put in place a transparency mechanism through which countries would report on progress made towards meeting their pledges. It also includes periodic stock-taking to equip the world with an assessment of the level of action needed to keep temperature rise within 2 degrees centigrade.



## **About TERI**

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