

Indo-China study on low carbon development unveiled

The study explores new development strategies for promoting international cooperation through South-South knowledge exchange.

New Delhi, March 21st 2014: An advance publication of a collaborative study on 'Low Carbon Development in China and India' was launched at the recently concluded 'Third Strategic Economic Dialogue' (SED) held in Beijing on March 18th 2014.

The study was carried out jointly by the following: The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), National Centre for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (NCSC), Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE), and Zhejiang University. It is directed towards low carbon development strategies such as financing, technology and innovation policy, and sub-national actions.

The SED was led by Mr. Xu Shaoshi, Chairman, National Development and Reform Commission, People's Republic of China and Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion, **Dr. R K Pachauri Director General, TERI** focused on the need for enhanced collaborative research activities between China and India contributing to South-South cooperation. "The two countries operate in similar contexts in terms of local and global environmental issues that confront them today and will become increasingly important in the future. While economic capabilities and institutional systems vary between the two, coordinated knowledge driven processes between China and India will be instrumental in moving both towards global sustainability goals", he said.

Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India, in study foreword, said "I am confident that this volume will help to highlight key issues for low carbon development around financing, science, technology and innovation, and informing sub-national actions across China and India."

Mr. Xie Zhenhua, Vice Chairman, National Development and Reform Commission, said: "This study is a helpful effort by Chinese and Indian think tanks to collaborate in exploring new national development pathways as well as promoting international cooperation in climate change".

Ms. Helen Clark Administrator, United Nations Development Programme said “This study is of particular significance since it is one of the first collaborative efforts between the two key research institutes of both countries which are working on climate change related issues: The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of China and The Energy Research Institute (TERI) of India.”

The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) steered the activities of the China component of the study. On the India component, activities of the project are being guided by a steering committee chaired by B K Chaturvedi (Member, Planning Commission). The study after finalization will also be launched around June 2014.

The study focuses on understanding peer-country experiences, promoting knowledge exchange and dissemination to shape domestic policies and implementation. By engaging with policymakers, the study will seek to support policy incubation and development at both the national and sub-national level. Targeted policymaker engagement and advocacy will support design and adoption of new policies and programs based on findings from the study. The intended outcome of the collaborative study on low carbon development for China and India would be supporting policy development by facilitating South-South cooperation, creating relevant knowledge and building capacities through exchange of experiences and ideas.

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