



TERI-North America and Yale to host its fourth U.S.-India Energy Partnership Summit in Washington DC on 13th & 14th May, 2013

Featuring an illustrious array of eminent luminaries from U.S and India, the 4th edition of the Summit will explore the various dimensions pertaining to stimulating technology, trade and development in the energy sector.

Washington DC, May 6th, 2013: TERI-NA and Yale University join hands to organize the fourth U.S.-India Energy Partnership Summit entitled “***Stimulating Technology, Trade and Development***”. The Summit will be held at the Washington Marriot in Washington DC. It will bring together leading researchers, policymakers and businesspeople from both the countries to find ways to a sustainable future.

Some of the eminent luminaries who have confirmed their esteemed presence at the Summit include **Mr. Al Gore**, Former Vice President, United States of America and Co-Founder and Chairman, Generation Investment Management; **Dr. R.K.Pachauri**, President TERI-NA and Director General, TERI; **Dr. Sam Pitroda**, Chairman, National Innovation Council and Advisor to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovations; **Dr M Mangapati Pallam Raju**, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India ; **Ms. Nirupama Rao**, Ambassador, Embassy of India to USA; **Prof. Richard C Levin**, President, Yale University; **Ambassador Robert Blake**, Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; **Mr. David Sandalow**, Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs , U.S. Department of Energy; **Mr. Daniel Poneman**, Deputy Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy; **Senator Thomas Daschle**, DLA Piper, LLP among others. **Dr. Farooq Abdullah**, Hon'ble Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Government of India has also shown expression of interest.

Speaking about the Summit, **Dr. R.K.Pachauri, President TERI NA & Director General, TERI said,** “*The US-India Energy Partnership Summit, jointly organised by Yale University and TERI-North America provides a platform for addressing the growing challenge of energy security faced worldwide and by the US and India in particular. Recent developments in the US, including the exploitation of shale gas reserves and other technological achievements as well as India's efforts in the field of renewable energy provide a unique opportunity for the two countries to work closely together in solving their respective energy problems, and enhancing energy security for the world as a whole.*”

A high-level CEO Roundtable will take place on May 13 to discuss *The Energy and Development Nexus: A new era of corporate leadership*. The CEO Roundtable will provide an opportunity for corporate leaders from both countries to discuss, develop insights and new perspectives on how cooperation between the two countries on energy issues can lead to competitive advantage in domestic and global markets. The key-note address will be delivered by **Dr. Sam Pitroda**. FICCI will facilitate the participation of Indian CEOs at the Roundtable.

Mr. Al Gore will give a special address at the ‘Eve of Hope’, the curtain raiser of the Summit. The proceeds from the evening will go toward TERI's global campaign, *Lighting a Billion Lives* (LaBL) which

endeavours to provide clean lighting and cook-stoves to remote corners of rural India and other countries in Asia, Latin America and Africa that have no access to electricity.

Dr. Annapurna Vancheswaran, Vice President, TERI NA who has been co-ordinating the Summit since its inception in 2009 said *“It is really heartening to see this Summit growing stronger and intense with each year in participation and content from the two countries. Given India’s potential growth trajectory coupled with opportunities and challenges, this year’s Summit deliberations will be of significance not only to the two Governments, but to business leaders of the two countries as well.”*

The Summit on May 14 will cover during plenary sessions on three broad areas namely:

- Energy Access, Growth and Sustainability
- Financing Energy Efficient and Clean Technology Projects
- Opportunities for Bilateral Energy Sector Trade

A central novelty at the Summit this year will be the focussed Parallel Thematic Tracks, which will allow for discussions in depth and detail on niche topics. The themes identified are *Driving Energy Efficiency Technology Innovation; Women and the Green Economy; and Empowering Energy Entrepreneurs.*

The previous Summits have formed the basis of cooperation on clean energy between the Indian and the US governments and the development of Memorandums of Understanding between the two countries.

ABOUT TERI:

Since its inception in 1974, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) has been devoted to finding solutions to problems of energy, environment and sustainable development. One step towards this goal is the annual US-India Energy Partnership Summit, organized by TERI-North America and Yale University, which brings together leading researchers and policymakers from both the countries to find ways to a sustainable future.

The first U.S.-India Partnership Summit held in 2009 laid the foundation for dialogue between the two countries on matters of collaborations between private organizations, research institutions and government for clean energy and R&D of related technologies. The second summit held in 2010 discussed technologies and partnerships for energy security. Last year, stakeholders discussed how the U.S. and India could improve collaboration on clean technologies.

For more information on the Summit, please go to: <http://www.terina.org/usindiasummit/>

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