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DIALOGUE

Mitigation Instruments for Achieving India's Climate and Development Goals

15 October 2019 | 0930 – 1300 hrs

Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

(Entry from gate number 1 on Lodhi Road)

Agenda

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| 0930 – 1000 | Registration & tea |
| 1000 – 1010 | Welcome and opening remarks
Dr Arunabha Ghosh , Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) |
| 1010 – 1025 | Presentation Findings from the white paper on mitigation instruments for India
Dr Vaibhav Chaturvedi , CEEW |
| 1025 – 1130 | Panel discussion Mitigation instruments in context of the Indian economy
Dr Ajay Mathur , The Energy Resources Institute (TERI)
Dr Britt Groosman , Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
Mr Chinmaya Kumar Acharya , Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF)
Dr Jai Asundi , Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP)
Dr Purnamita Dasgupta , Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)
Moderator Dr Arunabha Ghosh , CEEW |
| 1130 – 1145 | Tea |
| 1145 – 1250 | Panel discussion Industrial perspective on adopting the right mix of mitigation instruments
Ms Aparajita Agarwal , Tata Steel
Mr Hitesh Kataria , Mahindra & Mahindra
Dr Kirit Parikh , Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe)
Ms Seema Arora , Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
Moderator Dr Vaibhav Chaturvedi , CEEW |
| 1250 – 1300 | Vote of thanks
Dr Arunabha Ghosh , CEEW |
| 1300 onwards | Lunch |

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Background Note

Dedicated policies and instruments are critical for shaping our development trajectory and moving towards a resource-efficient and low-carbon future. Countries across the globe have adopted different mitigation instruments for aligning the development pathway with a low carbon pathway. India too has been focussing on mitigation through various policies and instruments guided by its development challenges and national priorities. In the future too, India is likely to use multiple options, such as a carbon tax, carbon markets, or a hybrid of carbon markets and taxes, trading of energy efficiency and renewable energy certificates, and other sectoral policy instruments working in tandem with each other, to move towards a low carbon society.

The Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) and the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), with support from the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), constituted a high-level Working Group on Mitigation Instruments, comprising of senior experts from policy research think tanks, industries and academic sector. During the course of discussion, members of the Working Group chose four specific issues relevant to the debate for India- (i) Emission Trading Scheme (ETS), (ii) Carbon Tax, (iii) Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and (iv) Company level initiatives for emission mitigation. The working group discussed the way forward to develop a narrative that is informed, balanced and addresses mitigation as well as development priorities simultaneously. The dialogue aims to inform the stakeholders about the deliberations in this working group. A white paper on the WGMI deliberation would be released at the dialogue.

This discussion intends to offer a platform for experts and policymakers from across sectors to start a dialogue in India, to inform the choice of an appropriate suite of mitigation instruments through a structured and transparent process. It is imperative that Indian stakeholders engage in the dialogue, to best align the country's national priorities and sustainable development objectives with the long-term goals of deep decarbonisation.

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