

DRAFT AGENDA

How secure is India's energy future?

Joint launch of two CEEW reports on energy security and natural gas

Wednesday, 17 June 2026 | 1430–1630 IST | Virtual (Zoom)

Context

Global energy markets have witnessed unprecedented turmoil in recent years. The Russia-Ukraine conflict affected global gas markets, Indonesia's coal export ban spiked Asian coal prices, and recent tensions in West Asia and the Strait of Hormuz have renewed concerns over oil and gas supply security. For India, the world's third-largest energy consumer, whose primary energy needs are met overwhelmingly by fossil fuels, these exogenous crises compound domestic challenges: stagnating domestic production, heavy import dependence, and infrastructure bottlenecks that affects the reliability and affordability of energy supply. As India pursues its goal of energy independence by 2047, these vulnerabilities underscore the urgency of reducing import reliance through both supply diversification and accelerated demand-side substitution.

Natural gas, despite the Government of India's target to raise its share to 15 per cent of the primary energy mix, remains at approximately 5 per cent. Yet it holds significant potential as a transition fuel, particularly in heavy-duty road freight, steel manufacturing, and city gas distribution, provided that pricing, infrastructure access, and import diversification challenges are addressed.

This webinar will present key findings from two CEEW reports and deliberate on the policies required to strengthen India's energy security and unlock the potential for a gas-based economy. We will hear from experts across the fossil fuel and natural gas sectors on the challenges and opportunities in each.

- **How secure is India's energy future? Assessing accessibility, reliability, and affordability**
- **Unlocking the potential for a gas-based economy in India**

Agenda

- 1430 – 1440 **Welcome address**
Hemant Mallya, Fellow, CEEW
- 1440 – 1515 **Presentation of key findings from the two studies**
Dharshan Siddarth Mohan, Programme Associate, CEEW
Sabarish Elango, Programme Lead, CEEW
- 1515 – 1615 **Moderated discussion | Managing fossil fuel risks and building resilience**
- Lydia Powell, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation**
Dr Debajit Palit, Centre Head, Centre for Climate Change & Energy Transition, Chintan Research Foundation
Alay Patel, Senior Oil & Gas Consultant, International Energy Agency
David Fedor, Stephenson Policy Fellow, The Hoover Institution
Rajesh Mediratta, MD and CEO, Indian Gas Exchange
- Moderator | **Sabarish Elango**

1615 – 1630 Closing remarks
Hemant Mallya, Fellow, CEEW
