
Steering Committee Meeting

Initiative on Green Growth and Development in India

Summary

Date	23 th November 2015
Meeting time	2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Venue	Viceregal Hall, Claridges Hotel

Agenda

2:30PM – 2:35 PM	Welcome remarks by Dr. R K Pachauri
2:35 PM – 2:40 PM	Opening remarks by Shri. B K Chaturvedi (Chair)
2:40 PM – 2:50 PM	Introduction round the table
2:50 PM – 3:20 PM	Project presentation
3:20 PM – 3:50 PM	Roundtable discussion on ways forward
3:50 PM – 4:00 PM	Wrap up and Summary by Chair
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Tea and refreshments
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Final outreach and high-level discussion (<i>Agenda to be circulated</i>)



Participants

Shri B K Chaturvedi (Former Cabinet Secretary) (Chair)

Dr. R K Pachauri (Director General, TERI)

Dr. Sunil Saxena (Scientist, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology)

Mr. Siddharthan Balasubramania (Country Head-India, GGGI)

Dr. Genevieve Connors (Water Resource Specialist, World Bank India)

Dr. Prodipto Ghosh (Distinguished Fellow and Director, TERI)

Mr. S Vijay Kumar (Distinguished Fellow, TERI)

Mr. Shri Prakash (Distinguished Fellow, TERI)

Dr. Suneel Pandey (Senior Fellow and Director, TERI)

Ms. Shailly Kedia (Fellow, TERI)

Mr. Ajith Radhakrishnan (Senior Technical Adviser, GGGI)

Mr. Anandajit Goswami (Fellow, TERI)

Dr. Prasoon Agarwal (Senior Technical Adviser, GGGI)

Dr. Prakashkiran Pawar (Fellow, TERI)

Mr. Saurabh Bhardwaj (Fellow, TERI)

Mr. Kanwal Nayan Singh (Research Associate, TERI)

Mr. Nishant Jain (Research Associate, TERI)



Meeting Summary

The objective of the meeting was to present the work undertaken in the project. Discussion also included possibilities of future areas of work.

The policy research undertaken in the project would play a role in raising awareness to move public policy in the direction of green growth and sustainable development. The project had helped in generating new knowledge and also support implementation and public awareness. Stakeholders also expressed support for the second phase of the project.

Another relevant area would be to look at the big drivers of change as well as highlighting the role of different stakeholders. There is a need for supporting the state governments in terms of capacity building.

Further work on capacity building and awareness raising can be undertaken to take the current work forward where organizations such as the World Bank and Global Green Growth Institute. Future work can be on building capacity with regard to the data collection on environment sectors. Paucity of data is one of the key issues that have been a bottleneck in terms of decision-making.

It is important to look at state-centre policies and state-centre institutions to implement policies.

There is a need for a 'powerful implementer' since green growth and sustainable development is cross-cutting in nature. Finance and fiscal transfers are key drivers of implementation in states. The possibility of looking at cross-sectoral institutions at the centre and state level needs to be emphasized.

The Chair thanked the participants and congratulated the project team for the efforts under the project.

The meeting ended and all participants were invited to attend the national outreach workshop which was to take place at the same venue after the meeting.

