Sustainable Energy Leadership Programme

Executive summary

TERI University and TERI organized a ‘Sustainable Energy Leadership Programme’ for policy-makers, middle level managers and experts from emerging and developing countries those are associated with the design and implementation of energy policies, projects and programmes. The training programme had 23 participants from different parts of the global south, developing and emerging countries.

The training programme provided an opportunity for the participants to familiarize themselves with different sustainable energy solutions and reflect on practical, innovative ways to address the goals of ‘Sustainable Energy for All’ by building up leadership skills. Training sessions were led by experts, which included representatives from academia, private and public sectors, TERI, TERI University and its partner institutions. Participants gained an in-depth understanding of energy policy, technology, financing, planning tools for addressing the sustainable energy for all goals. Presentations were held on solutions for the provision of universal access to modern, clean forms of energy, promotion of clean energy efficient technologies to industry as well as on the importance of enhancing innovation, partnerships for addressing universal ‘Sustainable Energy for All’ goals by building leadership capabilities across developing, emerging countries. Lectures were delivered by practitioners from the field of sustainable energy, professionals from TERI, TERI University and other partner institutes.

The three main pillars of ‘Sustainable Energy for All’ are: (1) energy access, (2) energy efficiency; and (3) enhancement of renewable energy. In order to create a leadership for promoting sustainable energy it is essential that practitioners, policy-makers and participants in the training programme are given an exposure on various innovative practices that contribute in building up leadership skills in the domains of energy access, energy efficiency, and renewable energy enhancement.

These leadership skills can thereafter be applied in addressing the following domains in respective countries which are striving to attain the goal of ‘Sustainable Energy for All’. From a series of interaction with practitioners, decision-makers during the training programme across different parts of global south, it emerged that addressing energy access is one of the key objectives of countries for attaining the ‘Sustainable Energy for All’ goals. However, energy efficiency priority gets the highest rank followed by energy access and doubling up of renewable energy provision in the priority list of countries for addressing the ‘Sustainable Energy for All’ goals in different countries of Asia, Africa, South East Asia, South Asia, Asia Pacific, and CIS nations.