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UNIDO-TERI sustainable energy leadership programme strengthens partnerships, supports knowledge management

NEW DELHI, 14 February 2014 – A joint programme by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and TERI University (TERI U) is helping build awareness and knowledge on key global trends, innovative technologies, policies and inter-disciplinary solutions in the fields of energy, climate change and sustainable development.

The two-week Sustainable Energy Leadership Programme (SELP), that ended in New Delhi today, brought together over 20 government officials, policy makers, and experts from 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe.

The programme, the first of its kind, allowed participants to interact with ongoing energy projects in India, discuss sustainable energy solutions from a practitioner's perspective, and attend high-level discussions in a global context.

Pradeep Monga, Director of UNIDO's Energy and Climate Change Branch, said that his belief that "seeing is believing," was key in the design of the Programme. "The SELP 2014 allowed participants to observe and interact with the actual innovative installations, entrepreneurs, and their beneficiaries, to understand the concepts and judge their applicability to their own countries' contexts," said Monga.

Participants visited projects in the field, including energy efficient furnaces in the glass making clusters of Firozabad, small hydropower applications in Roorkee, and solar-powered micro-grids powering the Ahroha Bhawani Square Marketplace in the Singhpur Block, Uttar Pradesh.

Participants also attended the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) 2014 that featured high-level ministerial panels and workshops on "Attaining Energy, Water and Food Security for All." They learned about innovative technologies and policy solutions, and were able to interact with international experts in the field.

TERI U offered technical sessions on ensure information sharing and knowledge management with a focus on energy policy, the promotion of energy efficiency in the transport, building and industrial sectors, renewable energy technologies, both centralized and decentralized, and ways of overcoming barriers to universal energy access.