



## **PRESS BRIEF**

### **DR. R.K.PACHAURI, DIRECTOR GENERAL TERI, TO VISIT PAKISTAN FOR ENERGY PROSPECTS**

**New Delhi, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2013:** In recent years Pakistan has been facing severe problems on the energy front, and on this issue there has also been an active dialogue with the Government of India on the possibility of a power supply arrangement from India's northern grid to the province of Punjab in Pakistan.

At the same time, TERI has been holding a dialogue both at the official and NGO levels in Pakistan for implementing a range of renewable energy based solutions. TERI has had considerable experience through its 'Lighting a Billion Lives' campaign in India, installation of biomass gasifiers in rural areas as well as innovation through the use of mini grids to supply clean lighting and facilitate the operation of clean cook stoves in rural homes.

*"The time has come for all the stakeholders in India and Pakistan, and in fact all South Asia to work towards close and good neighbourly relations. It is only then that we would be able to develop solutions to our common problems of poverty, hunger and take the countries of the region towards healthy and sustainable growth",* said Dr. Pachauri, just before leaving for Pakistan.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab Mian Shahbaz Sharif has invited a delegation from TERI as State guests to hold a dialogue with the Chief Minister and senior officials as well as others in Lahore, particularly for identifying renewable energy based solutions and facilitating their implementation. The delegation will spend three days in Pakistan working closely with departments and agencies of the Government of Punjab in that country.

In addition, he will be giving this year's "Quaid-i-Azam Lecture" entitled "*Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development in South Asia*" organized by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013 in Islamabad.

#### **About The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), a dynamic and flexible organization with a global vision and local focus was established in 1974. A unique research institution headquartered in New Delhi, TERI is deeply committed to every aspect of sustainable development. From providing environment-friendly solutions to rural energy problems to helping shape the development of the Indian oil and gas sector; from tackling global climate change issues across many continents to enhancing forest conservation efforts among local communities; from advancing solutions to growing urban transportation and air pollution problems to promoting energy efficiency in Indian industries, the emphasis has always been on finding innovative solutions to make the world a better place to live in. While TERI's vision is global, its roots are firmly entrenched in Indian soil. All activities at TERI move from formulating local and national-level strategies to suggesting global solutions to critical energy and environment related issues.

It is with this purpose that TERI has established regional centers in India at Bangalore (Karnataka), Panaji (Goa), Guwahati (Assam), Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Mukteshwar (Uttarakhand), and has international presence in Japan, Finland, Malaysia, Belgium, Netherlands, UK, USA, UAE and Africa.

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