



Global Renewable Energy and Energy Access Transformation

Friday, May 22, 2015 (10.00 AM to 12.00 PM)

About the event

This meeting will present the ideas for a global programme to attain the goals of:

- Access to sufficient energy for all by 2025
- Immediate transformation towards 100% renewable energy (to be concluded by latest 2050 in developing countries and much earlier in developed countries)

THE GLOBAL PROGRAMME

The call for a global renewable energy partnership and support programme is being actively promoted by The African Group within the UNFCCC climate negotiations, and is gaining traction among other countries and civil society organisations.

At a seminar recently organized by CSE and What Next in Delhi, the ideas for a Global Renewable Energy and Energy Access programme (GREEAT) was further elaborated, building on prior work and input from a broad range of stakeholders (including representation from Sri Lanka).

The programme understands is premised on the need to enable a new, modern, distributed and considerably decentralized energy model with for broad-based participation, people oriented community involvement and need to integrate energy efforts with development planning for local job creation, diversification of economies and local development. The international climate finance support for provided through the programme would be three:

1. For energy access/rural electrification and off-grid development
2. For renewable energy investment through supporting costs associated with feed-in tariffs/payment guarantees for production of renewable energy,
3. Funding for capacity building and development of domestic manufacturing capacity.

SRI LANKA AND THE GREEAT PROGRAMME

The GREEAT programme would be a voluntary programme based on direct access to provide help and support for renewable energy and energy access. It is transformative, meaning developing countries receive international funding that is in turn channeled through national agencies to the particular projects.

Since Sri Lanka is in the process of finalising the 100 per cent renewable energy policy, it is an exciting opportunity to explore how the proposed global programme can could help Sri Lanka through financial, technological and capacity building support. Sri Lanka could act as a champion country that shows the world that this transition can be made possible through international collaboration.

The financial support from the programme would be output-based, with funds transferred after delivery of the affordable, clean renewable energy. The countries would have to agree to standards and principles to ensure public participation, environmental soundness and other safeguards.

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Concept of GREEAT and Sri Lanka's role in Advocacy (10 AM to 10.30 AM)

Chandra Bhushan, Deputy Director General, Centre for Science and Environment

Discussion/Questions and Answers