

National stakeholder consultation on New Energy Policy (NEP): Environment and Climate Change Perspectives



IRADe host a workshops/stakeholder consultations in partnership with **NITI Aayog**, Government of India on "**Environment and Climate Change**" themes to provide inputs to the National Energy Policy (NEP). The one-day national workshop was held on 6th November 2015 at Jacaranda-II hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The workshop was well attended by around 50 participants from different disciplines.

The workshop provided an opportunity for a diverse group of stakeholders to come together and discuss inputs to the NEP which are futuristic, address the institutional mechanism to implement the policy and also cover issues of energy access, security and affordability in the country. The findings of the workshop have wide-ranging implications for policy.

The main objective of the workshop was to understand the perspectives of various stakeholders for the NEP from the environment and climate change perspectives. The workshop began with an introduction of them by **Dr. Kirit Parikh** followed by a detailed presentation by Mr. Anil Jain about the process of NEP policy formulations. **Dr Jyoti Parikh** by taking the discussion forward outline the scope of 3 cross cutting themes (1- Air Pollution: Transport, 2- Energy sector and climate change and 3- CAMPA and Green India Mission) for seeking input from the learned audience. **Dr. Pradipto Ghosh** delivering the

inaugural address talked about Issues related to a national policy formulation by citing anecdotes from his experiences. The workshop was also addressed by several distinguished speakers

The afternoon session of the Workshop followed a less traditional format than the morning's proceedings. It was designed to elicit the maximum contribution from all the participants, and consisted of three main breakout groups, each aiming in different ways to promote reflection and deeper exploration of the themes emerging from the morning's presentations and discussions. In the concluding evening session the outcomes of the breakout sessions were vetted by the participants.

India's energy policy should plan for the long term, but meet the needs of the short term and protect environment. To that end, the workshop has provided detailed policy recommendations on the 3 key areas of NEP namely 1) air Pollution in the transport sector, 2) energy sector and its implication for climate change and 3) CAMPA and GIM to address climate change.

