

High-Level India-EU Dialogue – Solutions for Sustainability

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3rd February

16.00 – Welcome

Nitin Desai, Co-Chairman, India-UK Round Table; former UN Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

Keynote Address

Dr Rajendra Pachauri, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; Director, The Energy and Resources Institute

Response – **Sir Crispin Tickell**, Director of the Policy Foresight Programme, The James Martin Institute, Oxford University

Session I

16.40 – Chair Nitin Desai

In the light of recent developments, to consider the adequacy of existing global and regional institutions for climate change and clean development, with respect to science, equitable mitigation and adaptation, technology, private and public investment, technology transfer, modelling and the establishment and management of carbon markets and to make proposals for action or further study.

Introductory remarks:

Peter Luff, Raj Chengappa, Brice Lalonde, Chandrashekhara Dasgupta, Rosario Bento Pais

18.30 – Reception

19.30 – Dinner

Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency

Tom Spencer, Director, AGCC; Vice Chairman, the Institute for Environmental Security. Formerly President, European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs

4th February

Session II

09.00 – Chair Sir Crispin Tickell

Introductory remarks:

Dr Kirit Parikh, Ajit K Gupta, Robert Whitfield, Prof Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Air Marshal A K Singh, Prof Sugata Hazra

To identify priority initiatives based on Working Group reports on:

- 1 A defined programme of action for the EU to support solar solutions for electrification in India in line with India's National Climate Change Action Plan, including (a) the large scale application of decentralised photovoltaic solar power to Indian villages (b) a study to apply Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) through mirror arrays in the Indian power sector;
- 2 Reduction of the threat to the Himalayan glaciers from the emission of black carbon.

10.30 – coffee

Session III

11.00 – Chair Sir Crispin Tickell

Introductory remarks:

Prof Viriato Soromenho-Marques, Anil Patni, Titus Alexander, Rt Hon Suresh Prabhu, Ritu Kumar

To advance the Working Group proposal for stronger institutional structures between the EU and India, capable of implementing joint programmes, including:

- 1 Building democratic legitimacy for enhanced co-operation on climate change and sustainable development;
- 2 Facilitating private sector engagement including the trading of energy efficiency certificates as a new initiative and the linking of Indian carbon markets with other carbon trading schemes, such as the EU-ETS and the emerging US Cap and Trade system;
- 3 EU-Indian enhanced co-operation to serve as a model for other countries willing to accept similar responsibilities and structures.

12.30 – Conclusions by Co-chairs

The Co-chairs will consider (inter alia):

- 1 What concrete steps should be taken;
- 2 Who will undertake what specific tasks;
- 3 Where the next meeting should take place;
- 4 What initial arrangements are needed to sustain the initiatives.

13.00 – Luncheon

14.30 – Close of Seminar

It is proposed that the outcome of the Delhi High Level Seminar should be conveyed to the Government and Parliament of India, to the governments of the Member States of the European Union, the European Parliament and the European Commission. The next step would be to encourage and facilitate inter-governmental discussions on the proposals as agreed.
