

The **United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP21** or **CMP11** is planned at Paris, France at the end of 2015. This time it will be chaired by the French Government. The major objective of this conference will be to conclude the “Plug-in Agreement”, in which every country will provide its own views on climate commitments, with precise measurement and control procedures.

Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership (or GSEP in short), is a not-for-profit organization whose members are the world’s leading electricity utilities. The organization promotes sustainable energy development through different projects and human capacity building activities in emerging nations.

As an input to the different country’s governments (Including India) for the COP21 Conference in Paris, GSEP has taken an initiative to launch a comprehensive document on ***“How Power generation technologies can help Governments to meet their climate commitments”***.

This document will be prepared by reviewing the previously published whitepaper by World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD) in Bali conference – “Power to Change”. The document will be presented for stakeholder dialogues in various countries. The idea is to present a cohesive paper incorporating real on ground views from worldwide prominent electricity utilities, governmental representatives/experts on different new power generation technologies and various policies for promoting clean energy.

Asian economies are growing, including that of India, which requires greater infrastructure. More than the growth, it is the pace of the growth that is more fascinating. India is experiencing roughly 10 times the economic acceleration of the Industrial Revolution that happened in western world. In such a scenario, India definitely needs some special incentives to deal with critical issue relating to environment.

Even though there is no utility in India which is part of GSEP as of now, GSEP feels that it is important to take view points from the Indian energy utilities and Indian government to be incorporated in the document. In addition, GSEP will be organizing similar stakeholder dialogues in China, South Africa, Brazil and Europe for taking inputs on this document.

Over the past fourteen years, DSDS has emerged as one of the prominent global platforms in India on issues related to global sustainability. This event brings together various Heads of State and Government, thought leaders, policy-makers and the crème de la crème of industry and academia to deliberate on myriad issues. Taking advantage of this prominent conference, we hereby, on behalf of GSEP and TERI, invite you to Workshop on “Challenges in Introducing Clean Technologies” on 6th February 2015.