

Title: Pathways for meeting India's Power Sector Decarbonisation Targets for 2030

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India's decarbonization targets announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at COP 26, Glasgow marked one of the highest increases in ambition of major economies over their Paris commitments. While the country achieved a key 2015 NDC commitment of 40% non-fossil-fuel based generation capacity, the speed and scale of transition required for achieving 2030 targets calls for a well-planned roadmap and pathways.

To accommodate large shares of variable renewable energy (VRE), flexibility/balancing and grid security assume significant importance. The key requisites would be expanding flexible options for grid integration through large scale deployment of storage capacities. Solar power with storage in India has now become cheaper than electricity from a new thermal power plant. The pathways for various measures need to be framed to meet India's commitment.

The way forward suggested in TERI's discussion paper on roadmap for meeting 2030 de-carbonisation targets for the power sector (<a href="https://www.teriin.org/sites/default/files/files/Roadmap-to-India-2030-Decarbonization-Target.pdf">https://www.teriin.org/sites/default/files/files/Roadmap-to-India-2030-Decarbonization-Target.pdf</a>) by the policy makers as well as the stakeholders for developing pathways. The thematic track will seek to discuss specific measures needed for the following:

- (i) deployment of various forms of RE, specially decentralised solar, floating solar and offshore wind.
- (ii) deployment of storage: pumped storage conventional as well as off-river; concentrated solar thermal and battery energy storage systems.
- (iii) developing demand and supply side flexibility.
- (iv) integrating value proposition of electricity supply in retail tariff design
- (v) becoming aatma-nirbhar in clean energy related manufacturing
- (vi) giving choice to consumers for procuring green carbon-free electricity

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