

Roundtable Consultation
Clearing the Air - Addressing India's Air Pollution Crisis

25-26th July 2018
New Delhi, India

AGENDA

DAY 1 , WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

(Venue: The Nilgiri Hall, The Oberoi, Delhi)

19.00 - 19.30	Registration
19.30 – 19.40	Welcome Note Mr. Sunjoy Joshi , Chairman, Observer Research Foundation
19.40 – 19.55	Inaugural Address Shri. Anand Sharma , Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Environment
20.00 – 20.10	Opening Address Dr. Shashi Tharoor , Member of Parliament
20.10 onwards	Networking Dinner with the Parliamentarians

DAY 2 | THURSDAY, JULY 26

(Venue: The Nilgiri Hall, The Oberoi, Delhi)

10.00 - 10.30

Registration

10.30 – 10.40

Setting the agenda for the day (NAPAQ)

Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament

10.40 – 12.00

Session 1: The economic cost of air pollution

Deteriorating levels of air quality across India have led to a major health crisis. Recent estimates by the International Energy Agency and the World Health Organisation have indicated that more than 900,000 annual deaths can be attributed to air pollution in India. In addition to increased mortality rates, air pollution also contributes to increased health expenditure and decreased labour productivity. Given these estimates what can be done to help policymakers and industrialists account for the true economic cost of air pollution?

Moderator: **Parthaa Bosu**, Lead India Advisor on Air Pollution, Environmental Defense Fund

- **Rajani Ranjan Rashmi**, Distinguished Fellow, TERI
- **Anjali Nayyar**, Executive Vice President, Global Health Strategies (GHS)
- **Santosh Harish**, Associate Director of Research, EPIC India
- **Ashutosh Dikshit**, CEO, United Residents Joint Action

12.00 – 12.15

Tea/Coffee Break

12.15 – 13.30

Session 2: Financing India's low carbon transition

In order to decrease air pollution levels across the nation, India must continue to work towards the envisioned low carbon transition it agreed to as a signatory of the 2015 Paris Agreement. The government has recently announced that it expects 225 GW of India's power generation capacity to come from renewable sources. In order to achieve this target, public spending will not be enough and private capital have a significant part to play. What steps can be taken to catalyse financing to help achieve India's Renewable Energy goals?

Moderator: **Subi Chaturvedi**, President, Yes Global Institute

- **Rajasree Ray**, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance
- **Gurpreet Chugh**, Managing Director, ICF International, India
- **Mukul Sanwal**, Former Director, UNFCCC
- **Taponeel Mukherjee**, CEO, Development Tracks

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch

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14.30 – 15.45

Session 3: Funding a new era of Indian Smart Cities and sustainable transport

While renewable energy can help curtail certain sources of air pollution, India must take a holistic approach if it wishes to effectively lower air pollution levels. With eleven of the twelve most polluted cities being located in India, it is important that pollution sources such as urban waste and urban transport be addressed. What can be done to fund the use of new technologies that reduce air pollution levels in cities?

Moderator: **Renu Khosla**, Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence

- **Jyoti Parikh**, Executive Director, IRADe
- **Pawan Kumar**, Associate Town and Country Planner, TCPO, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Govt. of India.
- **Nehmat Kaur**, Senior Manager - South Asia Government Relations, The Climate Group
- **Palaash Tarapore**, Chief Marketing Officer, Atmospower

15.45 – 16.00

Tea/Coffee Break

16.00 – 17: 00

Concluding Session: Lasting Solutions

(Financing the solutions, building infrastructure and resources, technological transfer)

Chair: **Dr. Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament

Co-Chair: **J M Mauskar**, Advisor, Observer Research Foundation

17.00 – 17.05

Vote of Thanks
