

Road to COP26 and India's leadership
Key take-ways from Subsidiary Bodies Meetings 2021
Thursday, 15th July 2021
15:00 – 17:00 (IST)

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no formal meetings of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. With more than year into the pandemic, parties recognised that there was a need to meet virtually in order to advance work and minimise any delays in the run-up to COP26 (to be held from 1-12 November 2021, in Glasgow, Scotland, UK).

The 52nd Sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies were held virtually from 31 May-17 June. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) met for three weeks convened informal consultations on a range of issues. Discussions on individual items were captured in informal notes issued under the authority of the SB Chairs.

Considering the urgency of enhancing coordinated global climate action and building long term resilience, there is need to understand how India can drive enhanced climate action while keeping in mind its developmental needs. The steep declines in global economic output, spiking unemployment in the backdrop of continuous and increasing threat to lives and livelihoods as a result of the COVID-19 crises is only indicative of the damage that climate change is likely to pose in the next few years. In order to build resilience towards damage and prepare for a lasting sustainable recovery, a long-term strategy is imperative.

As a first step in this direction, TERI has developed two documents that serve as guiding frameworks on India's Long Term Strategy (LTS). One document focuses on the mitigation aspect while the other focuses on adaptation. A LTS at this stage should go beyond climate action to synergize it with economic growth, social well-being and sustainable development.

This webinar aims to provide a debrief on the important issues of Adaptation, Markets & Non-market mechanisms, Global Stocktake, Transparency, Technology and Methodological issues. The discussions will also aim to understand the issues and India's leadership in the run-up to COP26.

TENTATIVE AGENDA	
10 minutes	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vibha Dhawan <i>Director General, TERI</i>
15 minutes	<p>Presentation and Context Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abhishek Kaushik, <i>Associate Fellow & Area Convener, TERI</i> • Ms. Mekhala Sastry, <i>Research Associate, TERI</i>
45 minutes	<p>Panel discussion (<i>Moderated by: Mr. R R Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rajasree Ray, <i>Economic Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India</i> • Dr. P C Maithani, <i>Scientist, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy</i> • Mr. Abhishek Acharya, <i>Director, Ministry of Finance, Government of India</i> • Dr. Ashok Kumar, <i>Deputy Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency</i> • Dr. Joyashree Roy, <i>Professor, Jadavpur University</i>
15 minutes	Q&A
10 minutes	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Manjeev Puri, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</i></p>
5 minutes	Vote of Thanks