

# Stepping up the role of sustainability in India's post COVID economic recovery

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## Overview

The pandemic has caused massive disruption to the Indian economy. The scale and intensity of pre-existing socio-economic vulnerabilities became more evident and prominent during the recent Covid-19 crisis. Various reforms will be required to support the recovery. But given the scale of the impacts, there is an argument for further fiscal stimulus, beyond what has already been done to protect livelihoods and incomes. At the same, it is important to ensure that structural reforms and stimulus are compatible with the long-term goals of a low-carbon and sustainable economy.

This crisis has prompted governments worldwide to explore an inclusive and green recovery. The demand boosting economic rescue package put forth by Indian Government includes sizeable fiscal rescue actions essentially focusing on providing liquidity for industries and schemes for the rural poor. This webinar will focus on how India can create opportunities for a green and inclusive economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The key questions to be addressed will essentially include:

- What is the likely impact of COVID-19 on the economy and Indian energy system in 2020 and the next few years?
- What are the key strategies for inclusive and green recovery for sustainable growth best suited in Indian policy landscape?
- What are the challenges, gaps and opportunities to plan and implement these green recovery actions and strategies in the Indian policy landscape?
- Using innovative tools to access finance for a green and inclusive recovery.

## Draft Agenda

<b>14:30-14:35</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>14:35-14:50</b>	<b>Setting the context</b> Thomas Spencer  Launch of The Climate Transparency Report 2020: Country Profile

<b>14:50-15:20</b>	<b>Discussions</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr R R Rashmi  <b>Panellists</b> Key Components for an Indian Stimulus Package, Mr Ajay Sankar, Distinguished Fellow, TERI What Can We Expect from the Indian Energy System and Emissions in 2020 and Beyond? Mr. Pascal Charriau, CEO, Enerdata International Efforts at Green Stimulus, Jeffrey Beyer, Vivid Economics Green stimulus for recovery: Internationally and in India, Christopher Beaton, IISD
<b>15:20-15:30</b>	<b>Conclusion and End note</b>