

# Online: „Not without civil society – Cooperation India-Germany on Energies in Transformation“

Online conference

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Protestant Academy Bad Boll



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Both, the German and Indian governments, have agreed a "strategic partnership" which will focus on energies in transformation (i.e. renewable) and climate change as well.

In Germany, the history of energies in transformation is inextricably linked with a politically active civil society. In India, however, civil society involvement, critical studies and political statements against current government plans to increase the use of coal energy are sometimes prosecuted. In addition, mainly large companies are active in the field of energies in transition.

How does that fit into the partnership?

Is civil society participation in India even an aspect for the German side?

Our colleagues from the Indian civil society stress the importance that they may directly be involved from the beginning into programming and planning of the partnership on energies in transition.

The one day conference will explore opportunities for civil society involvement within the bilateral cooperation. The conference is online and held in English language. Our colleagues and further participants from India are also connected online.

You're invited to join.

Friday, October 28th 2022

10:00

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Carola Hausotter, Protestant Academy of Bad Boll  
Solomon Benjamin, Evangelical Mission in Solidarity (EMS)  
Marion Müller, Director, Heinrich Böll Stiftung (hbs), Regional Office New Delhi  
Dr. Theo Rathgeber, Adivasi-Coordination  
Dr. Dieter Reinhardt, North East India Forum (neif)

10:10

### GREETING REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN MINISTRY

Jennifer Lee Morgan,  
State Secretary, Special Advisor for Climate Change of the German Government

10:20

### DISCUSSION GERMAN INDIAN COOPERATION REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGIES: AIMS AND CHALLENGES

Sadia Sohail, Programme Coordinator, Heinrich Böll Stiftung (hbs), Regional Office New Delhi  
Srinivas Krishnaswamy, CEO, Vasudha Foundation, Delhi  
Dr. Jürgen W. Welschof, Head of Division Energy South Asia, KfW  
Knud Vöcking, Senior Advisor, Urgewald

Moderation: Dr. Dieter Reinhardt

11:30

Break

11:45

**INPUTS**  
**JUST TRANSITION IN THE JHARKHAND STATE**  
Gladson Dungdung, Human Rights Activist, Jharkhand

**THE 'POWER HOUSE OF INDIA' NORTH EAST INDIA: RESOURCES, INVESTMENTS, HYDRO-POWER PLANTS, SOLAR, WIND AND BIOGAS ENERGY**

Urikhimbam Nobokishore, United NGOs Mission Manipur (UNMM)

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12:15

**DISCUSSION**

**DEBATES IN INDIA ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE ENERGY MIX: ACTORS, POSITIONS, INTERESTS**

Srinivas Krishnaswamy, CEO, Vasudha Foundation  
Jiten Yumnam, Centre for Research and Advocacy Manipur (CRAM), New Delhi  
Rixa Schwarz, Germanwatch (tbc)  
Dr. Winfried Damm, Programme Director, Indo-German Energy Programme, GIZ

Moderation: Marion Müller

13:00

Break

13:30

**CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN INDO-GERMAN COOPERATION ON CLIMATE JUSTICE**

Rixa Schwarz, Germanwatch (tbc)  
Henri Tiphagne, Director, Tamil Nadu, People's Watch, Maduari

Moderation: Dr. Theo Rathgeber

14:15

**CLIMATE JUSTICE ON THE GROUND – GENUINE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS**

Gladson Dungung, Human Rights Activist, Jharkhand  
Marie Keller, India Justice Project, Berlin

Moderation: Solomon Benjamin

15:00

**FINAL DISCUSSION**

Knud Vöcking, Urgewald  
Jiten Yumnam, Centre for Research and Advocacy Manipur (CRAM)  
Gladson Dungung, Human Rights Activist, Jharkhand  
Henri Tiphagne, Director, Tamil Nadu, People's Watch, Maduari

Moderation: Dr. Theo Rathgeber

16:00

**END**

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**TARGET GROUPS**

Civil Society Organizations working in and about the region; staff of development and relief agencies, foundations; staff and volunteers working in the development context and alternative energies.

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