

## UN Environment Programme and EESL join hands for India's era of complete energy efficiency

Two-day workshop (23-24 July) held in Mumbai attended by international experts, policymakers and industry

**Mumbai, 24 July 2018:** United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, today concluded '**Converting Expectations: to catalyse adoption of energy efficient technologies**', a workshop to sensitise policymakers on critical areas to facilitate faster adoption of new energy-efficient and clean energy technologies in India

Jointly organised by UN Environment and EESL in Mumbai, the workshop for international experts and key policymakers focused on India's strategic pathway for climate change resilience, and promoting transformative technologies for energy sustainability.

Key dignitaries at the workshop included **Mr. S. M. Gavai**, Additional Chief Secretary (Industries, Energy and Labour Department), Government of Maharashtra; **Mr. Ajit Sagne**, Secretary (Buildings), PWD, Government of Maharashtra and Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy Resources Institute, along with Mr. Atul Bagai, Head, UN Environment Country Office, India, and Mr. Saurabh Kumar, MD, EESL. Discussions and deliberations addressing the opportunities, challenges and policy interventions during the two-day workshop will help prepare roadmaps for key areas of India's vision for multi-sectoral energy efficiency.

In one of the key highlights of the workshop, EESL signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), one of India's premier not-for-profit research organisation. Under this MoU, EESL and CSTEP will do a feasibility study on charging infrastructure in three cities in Maharashtra, Pimpri – Chinchwad, Nashik and Navi Mumbai.

Addressing the gathering, **Mr. Atul Bagai, Head, UN Environment Country Office, India** said, "*UN Environment and EESL are working with the Maharashtra Government to supercharge the e-mobility era in the State. Given that EV policy is still in the nascent stages, the purpose of the workshop is to build a roadmap with policy interventions, charging infrastructure and energy requirements to facilitate and promote Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles (FAME). Sustainable transport will ultimately lead to cleaner air and lower emissions.*"

The workshop was also attended by leading experts from across industry, think tanks, multilateral associations, financial institutions, research and academia. With a specific focus on deploying large-scale energy efficient technology in the state of Maharashtra, attendees deliberated on next-generation technological interventions like e-Mobility, battery charging, storage and infrastructure, smart grids, district energy systems, and trigeneration.

The recommendations of the two-day workshop will be shared with policy makers to sensitise on interventions needed and help development of an enabling policy environment, to facilitate faster adoption of new energy efficient and clean energy technologies in India.

### About EESL

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