



Transition to Renewables: Need for an equity-based framework

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Any serious effort to combat climate change requires the world to reinvent and reorganise its energy systems. Everybody knows that. But everybody also knows that the world has not moved to renewables as yet, at the scale or pace needed for the great energy transition. Though growing, renewables still only account for a tiny part of the world's primary energy supply.

So, how can we foster the transition to clean energy? What are the policies and framework conditions essential for these technologies to kick into the already established and 'cheap' fossil fuel markets? Most importantly how can the developing world manage, given the cost and barriers, to still not locked into the fossil-grid leapfrog to a low-carbon future?

This side event will examine and discuss these issues -- go beyond the rhetoric of good ideas – to understand the policies and the framework of effective actions needed to realise the transition. The speakers include **Sunita Narain**, director, CSE, who has worked on the nuts and bolts of domestic change in India, **Hans-Josef Fell**, member of German parliament from the Green Party and the key architect behind the much-acclaimed German Renewable Energy Law, **Yu Jie**, programme coordinator, HBF China, deeply involved in the Chinese renewable energy policies and **Stefan Gsänger**, secretary general, World Wind Energy Association to explain how renewables can be made to work for our common future.