

Dear Friends of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water

As 2012 draws to a close, on behalf of our Chairperson, Mr Suresh Prabhu, our Co-Chairperson, Mr Jamshyd Godrej, and the entire CEEW team, I send our best wishes for the New Year. We have had another busy and impactful year at CEEW. I take this opportunity to share with you some of the year's highlights. It goes without saying that much of this would not have been possible without the support of our partners, donors and well-wishers, to whom we owe deep gratitude. We hope to continue deepening our engagements with you through our research, our policy advisory work, and our events.



### Resource Efficiency and Security

One of our most recent publications on '[Industrial Demand and Energy Supply Management](#)' was published by the *Economist Intelligence Unit* and released by former President APJ Abdul Kalam. We continue to work on developing technology pathways for energy efficiency and emissions reductions in Indian industry. Earlier in the year, soon after our report on [India & Global Governance](#) was published, we hosted a seminar on the “Geopolitics of Resource Scarcity” with Brookings Institution and New York University and are conducting joint research on India's resource challenges. Visit [ceew.in/resources](http://ceew.in/resources).



### Solar/ Renewables

In collaboration with the Natural Resources Defense Council, CEEW published two reports assessing grid-connected [Photovoltaic](#) and [Concentrated Solar Power](#) projects under India's National Solar Mission. We also designed, for the World Bank, mechanisms for Results-Based Financing (RBF) for increasing deployment of solar hot water systems, and for promoting innovations in business models for energy access. We travelled extensively in rural areas to understand off-grid models and hope to develop platforms that could facilitate promising off-grid energy solutions. Visit [ceew.in/solar](http://ceew.in/solar).



### Water

After our [National Water Resources Framework Study](#) was published, we released a [paper on Water Use Efficiency in Agriculture](#) during our side event at the India Water Week 2012. We have now launched a series of roundtables on urban water management. Visit [ceew.in/water](http://ceew.in/water).



### Integrated Plans

CEEW prepared a major report for the Government of Bihar on [Institutional Reforms for Improved Service Delivery in Minor Irrigation](#), projects that are central to the livelihoods of the vast majority of small and marginal farmers. Visit [ceew.in/cewplans](http://ceew.in/cewplans).



### Sustainability Finance

Besides the paper on Results-Based-Financing, CEEW also contributed to a [research paper on mobilising new sources of finance](#), a joint project with the University of Oxford, Duke University, and the Environmental Defense Fund. The paper examined Quantity-Performance instruments to channel public climate funds and drew attention from negotiators engaged with climate finance. Visit [ceew.in/susfinance](http://ceew.in/susfinance).



### Energy-Trade-Climate

We authored a major report on [Governing Clean Energy Subsidies](#), examining ways to reduce the threat of trade disputes while promoting clean energy around the world. Our proposals were discussed at the Rio+20 Sustainable Development Summit, at the Global Green Growth Summit in Seoul, and by climate negotiators in Bangkok. We are also researching how different interpretations of bilateral investment treaties affect countries' abilities to craft energy- and environment-related policies. Visit [ceew.in/etclinkages](http://ceew.in/etclinkages).

In addition to our research, we continued our series of [Roundtables on Sustainability Finance and Technology](#) and hosted: Dr Arun Majumdar, the first director of the U.S. Advanced Research Projects Agency- Energy; Amory Lovins (Rocky Mountain Institute); Sir John Beddington and Dr R. Chidambaram, respectively UK's and India's Chief Scientific Advisers; Professor Roberto Lenton (Nebraska) on food and water linkages; and Ambassador Shyam Saran, Ambassador Arundhati Ghose, Mr Suman Bery and Mr Kiran Karnik on India and Global Governance.

Looking forward to your support, advice and engagement, our very best wishes to you and your families,

Arunabha Ghosh

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