



The Delhi Declaration on Clean Coal

Four institutions from four continents

- The Energy and Resources Institute (India), the Global CCS Institute (Australia), the Atlantic Council (USA) and the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS), King's College London (UK) met in New Delhi with the recognition of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation for a workshop on "India's Clean Coal Future" (Oct. 31st/Nov. 1st 2012).

The four institutions agreed on the following points:

1.) The recent images of the storms and floods in New York City remind us once more that extreme weather, a potential consequence of climate change, remains a fundamental threat to human life, the environment and global economy. We support all efforts to strengthen all low Carbon technologies, including renewable energy, Carbon Capture Storage (CCS) and Carbon Capture Use Storage (CCUS) technologies worldwide.

2.) We acknowledge that the use of fossil fuels, including coal, will not disappear. Oil, gas and coal production is expected to grow in the two decades to come. It is therefore vital for the global community to develop clean coal technologies including CCS and CCUS. This is particularly true for India, whose power generation is over 60 percent dependent on coal.

3.) We appeal to the countries already engaged in Clean Coal technologies, including CCS and CCUS, to strengthen their efforts, exchange knowledge and experience, share technological data from pilot projects, and enhance cooperation. India looks with great interest and great expectations to research and pilot projects globally, including in Europe, Australia, the U.S. and Canada.

4.) We are confident that the challenges of CCS and CCUS including transport and storage of CO₂ as well as the commercialization of CCS can be addressed. We have to strengthen ways to utilize Carbon including and looking beyond enhanced oil and gas recovery.

5.) We believe CCS and CCUS can play a key role in addressing climate change by addressing key concerns such as safety and economic viability.

6.) We ask our governments and politicians to develop the necessary leadership and dedication to build a framework and political climate, in which CCS and CCUS research and pilot projects can flourish. This is true both of the coal sector and other industrial processes that lead to high concentrations of CO₂ emissions. Our aim is to foster this consciousness in India and across the globe.

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