

CSM Independent Expert Delegation

Briefing Visit to Washington DC on India and Climate Change 18 - 19 May 2009

CSM announces the visit of an independent expert delegation to Washington DC to brief policy makers, legislators and opinion-formers on India, climate change and energy issues.

Coming at a time when the Obama Administration has pledged itself to international leadership on climate change, and legislation is being developed in Congress, the visit will inform key officials and lawmakers of the state of play on climate change and energy issues in India from an independent perspective.

Initiated by the Centre for Social Markets, an Indian non-profit, the 4-member Delegation will bring a fresh view of developments in India on how the country is addressing climate change, promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency, and preparing for the United Nations climate negotiations at COP15 in Copenhagen in December 2009.

The objective is to develop greater awareness in the US of on-the-ground developments in India, including civil society and business efforts, and promote new opportunities for joint leadership on an ambitious agenda to effectively address dangerous climate change.

The Delegation comprises: Dr Harish Hande, managing director and co-founder of SELCO India; Mr. Prem Shankar Jha, author, columnist and media expert; Ms Malini Mehra, founder & CEO, Centre for Social Markets; and Dr. Arivudai Nambi, Director of the Climate Change Programme, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.

Organised in partnership with the Pew Environment Group, the visit will take place from Monday 18th to Tuesday 19th May 2009.

Further details on the delegation and public events can be found on the CSM website: www.csmworld.org

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