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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on **Sustainable Energy: An Agenda for India @ 2047**

Reimagining Law, Policy, and Innovation for Energy Justice

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18th & 19th April, 2026

**Venue:
Shangri-La, Bengaluru,
Karnataka**

Highlights:

- Inauguration by **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant**, Chief Justice of India | 18.04.2026, 12:00 to 1:30 PM
- High-level plenary sessions on India's Sustainable Energy Vision @ 2047
- Judicial and policy dialogues on Energy Justice and Constitutional Governance
- Focused sessions on Renewable Energy, Green Hydrogen, and Clean Technologies
- Roundtables with Regulators, Government, and Industry Stakeholders
- Deliberations on ESG, Climate Finance, and Energy Markets
- Adoption of the Bengaluru Declaration on Sustainable Energy & Energy Justice @ 2047
- Visit/Optional Tour on 20th April, 2026





Conference Overview

India, as it approaches the historic milestone of 100 years of Independence in 2047, enters a defining phase of its development journey. Economic growth, climate responsibility, technological leadership, and social equity must converge into a single, coherent national vision. At the heart of this transformation lies energy, not merely as a resource, but as the backbone of development, dignity, and national resilience.

The journey towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047 calls for a decisive shift from conventional energy paradigms to sustainable, inclusive, and innovation-driven energy systems and a commitment to energy justice for all. The global energy transition presents unprecedented opportunities for India to lead, simultaneously, it raises complex challenges relating to federal coordination, regulatory certainty, climate finance, ESG compliance, access and affordability, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Addressing these challenges requires sustained dialogue across disciplines and jurisdictions.

The CLEA International Conference on “Sustainable Energy: An Agenda for India @ 2047” is conceived as a high-level policy and thought-leadership platform, bringing together judges, policymakers, regulators, government officials, industry leaders, academics, and international experts from India and the wider Commonwealth. The Conference seeks to bridge the gap between law and technology, policy and practice, and to develop actionable pathways that support India’s long-term energy and climate commitments.

Through keynote addresses, technical sessions, policy roundtables, and focused deliberations, the Conference aims to contribute to a national roadmap for energy governance, aligned with India’s commitments under climate accords, national development priorities, and constitutional values. A key outcome of the Conference will be the Bengaluru Declaration on Sustainable Energy @ 2047, intended to serve as a guiding framework for policymakers and institutions in the decades ahead.

Karnataka, as the host State, provides a fitting institutional and innovation ecosystem for these deliberations. With its strong renewable energy base, technology leadership, and policy-driven approach to sustainable development, the State offers an enabling environment to convene national and global stakeholders for shaping India’s energy future.

Conference Objectives

- Develop a National Energy Governance Blueprint, aligned with India's Net Zero commitments and long-term development goals.
- Strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks governing renewable energy, green hydrogen, electric mobility, and smart grid systems.
- Promote Make in India energy technologies, indigenous innovation, and domestic manufacturing in the clean energy sector.
- Advance energy justice, focusing on affordability, accessibility, equity, and inclusive energy transitions.
- Facilitate global cooperation and knowledge exchange across Commonwealth countries and the Global South.
- Adopt the "Bengaluru Declaration on Sustainable Energy & Energy Justice @ 2047" as a guiding policy and governance framework.

Key Sub-themes

The Conference will deliberate on key issues, including:

- Legal and regulatory frameworks for large-scale renewable energy deployment, energy storage, and green hydrogen
- Grid stability, energy markets, and emerging regulatory challenges under the Electricity Act, 2003 and proposed sectoral reforms
- Energy justice, universal access, and balancing sustainability with affordability
- Climate change obligations, environmental governance, carbon markets, ESG compliance, and international commitments
- Land acquisition, statutory clearances, environmental approvals, and social impact governance for energy infrastructure
- Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models, risk allocation, financing structures, and contractual frameworks
- Emerging technologies including smart grids, digital energy systems, distributed generation, and battery storage ecosystems
- Federal dimensions of energy governance and the evolving role of States in India's energy transition

About Participation:

Registration: Registration is required for all attendees

Registration Fee: There is no registration fee for the conference.

Participation: Participation is by invitation only.

Speaking Opportunities: Only invited individuals will be presenting at the conference.

Publication: The best papers from those submitted will be selected for publication

Participations Include, This conference is designed for a broad and diverse community, including:

National Leadership

- Ministry and Bureaucrats

Judiciary & Constitutional Offices

- Hon'ble Chief Justice of India / Hon'ble Judges, Supreme Court of India
- Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka

International & Commonwealth Representation

- Lawyer and Energy Ministers from select Commonwealth jurisdictions
- Energy Ministers of States and Union Territories of India
- Representatives from National and Regional Energy Regulatory Authorities
- Experts from government agencies and allied research institutions

Expected Participants

- Judges and Judicial Officers
- Government Officials (Energy, Climate Change, Finance, Law & Policy)
- Lawyers and Legal Professionals
- Leadership from Public Sector Undertakings such as NTPC Limited, NHPC, THDC India Limited, Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), REC Limited, Powergrid Corporation of India Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Petronet LNG Limited, GAIL (India) Limited
- Renewable Energy Developers, Technology Providers and Industry Stakeholders
- Academicians, Researchers and Law Schools, Young Professionals and Students

About the Organiser:

The Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) was formed in December 1971, as a Commonwealth-wide body with an aim to foster and promote high standards of legal education in the Commonwealth. The Association has regional Chapters and Committees in Asia, Southern Africa, West Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe. The goals of the Association are: i) to make legal education socially relevant and professionally useful by developing law curriculum and teaching methodologies, ii) to support continuing legal education and distance learning programmes and iii) to assist law schools and equipping them to meet the demands of the profession by further enabling information revolution and tackling other global challenges.

The Constitution of CLEA envisages the establishment and functioning of country-based Chapters to carry out the activities in conformity with its objectives through conferences, moots, newsletters, lecture series, curriculum development and activities for students. To meet the growing demands of legal education and research, the Association is committed to developing new curricula that reflect new and upcoming trends in the legal sphere. To promote in-depth dialogues on legal subjects and education, CLEA has also undertaken, "The Commonwealth Comparative Constitutional and Public Law Project", which was initiated in 2019. The initiative aims to cover comparative law study of Constitutional and Public Law aspects in the world. The CLEA established "The Commonwealth Institute for Justice Education and Research" (CIJER) in 2017 to serve as a dedicated research wing to contribute to legal reformations including international, regional and national policy formulations.

The CLEA aims to promote standards of legal education through academic and professional exchanges, research publications, organization of conferences, workshops, and study tours. It works with the objective of strengthening literature concerning legal education and developing innovative research pedagogy. Prof. (Dr.) S. Sivakumar is the President of CLEA and can be reached at president@clea.ac. For more info visit www.clea.ac



About the Venue

Bengaluru, the capital city of Karnataka, is widely recognized as one of India's foremost centres of innovation, technology, and sustainable development. Known as the "Silicon Valley of India," the city has emerged as a dynamic hub where policy, technology, research, and industry converge to shape the future of energy, climate governance, and technological transformation.

Karnataka has established itself as a national leader in renewable energy deployment, green innovation, and progressive power sector reforms. The State has been at the forefront of advancing solar and wind energy capacity, promoting clean technologies, and developing forward-looking regulatory frameworks that support India's transition toward sustainable energy systems.

This Conference forms part of CLEA's international conference series. Earlier editions were successfully held at Kumarakom, 2024 and Thiruvananthapuram, 2025 bringing together judges, policymakers, academicians, and industry leaders to deliberate on emerging legal and policy challenges. The proposed Bengaluru edition will serve as a national platform focused on the future of sustainable energy governance, with particular relevance to progressive States such as Karnataka.

The event is expected to further enhance Karnataka's national and international profile as a leader in renewable energy policy, green investment, and institutional innovation. Bengaluru's strong institutional ecosystem comprising leading research institutions, technology enterprises, energy utilities, and policy think tanks provides an ideal environment for convening national and international stakeholders to deliberate on India's long-term energy transition aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

17th April 2026

Arrival of Guests / Participants

18th April 2026

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Inaugural Ceremony

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lunch in Honour of the
Hon'ble Chief Justice of India
Hosted by Government of Karnataka

3:00 PM – 4:45 PM: Technical Session I:
**Energy Governance,
Climate Change And Energy Justice**

4:45 PM – 5:10 PM: Tea Break

5:15 PM – 7:00 PM: Technical Session II:
**Energy, Artificial Intelligence And
Digitalisation of Energy Systems**

8:00 PM: Cultural Programme

9:00 PM: Dinner

19th April 2026

9:30 AM – 11:15 AM: Technical Session III:
**Renewable Energy Transition And Energy
Infrastructure Governance**

11:15 AM – 11:35 AM: Tea Break

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM: Technical Session IV:
**Energy Markets, Federalism And
Investment Frameworks**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lunch

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM: Valedictory Programme

4:00 PM onwards: Departure

20th April 2026

Optional Tour

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