Task Force Proposal »Solar / Renewable Energy Technology Bridge« to Subtask 2 of the Indo-German Energy Forum



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Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE

- Applied research on Renewable Energies since 1981
- Largest Solar Research Institute in Europe 1300 employees incl. 300 PhD and diploma students
- Director: Prof. Eicke R. Weber
- Part of the Fraunhofer Society more than 60 institutes and 22000 employees, largest applied research network



- Energy Efficient Buildings
- Applied Optics, Functional Surfaces
- Solar Thermal Technology
- Silicon Photovoltaics
- Alternative PV Technologies
- Renewable Power Supply
- Hydrogen Technology





Motivation

- Germany is still one of the global technology leader in solar energy / renewable energies sources (RES)
- India aims to accelerate the deployment of RES
- **Experience:** To build up a health RES sector needs:
 - **Market pull** (long-term oriented support policy)
 - **RES industry policy**
 - **Capacity building on Research and Development** and **Education and Training** of the work force
- India aims to become a leader in RES and set the target of 100 GW solar electricity by 2022
- India is aware of the need to import RES **technologies** and strengthen its RES R&D sector



Visit of secretary Tripathy and joint secretary Kapoor to Fraunhofer ISE Sept 2014



Challenges in technology partnerships

In 2013, Fraunhofer ISE and MNRE signed an MoU to cooperate on R&D in the RES sector

Experience: It is difficult to identify

the most relevant R&D topics

- Which technologies are needed in India?
- What are the technology strengths of Germany?
- Which technologies are German R&D institutes ready to share?

the right objectives of joint R&D work

- How to adapt the RES technology to Indian conditions? (climate, costs, quality expectations, planning horizon, culture,...)
- How to create a win-win-situation for Indian and German research groups?

how joint research projects must be structured

- Which R&D know-how and structures exist already in India?
- How does the working culture differ in both countries?
- a sound structure to finance joint R&D projects
 - Who is paying the salaries of the German, who of the Indian research groups?

=> A systematic approach based on a sound analysis is necessary



MoU signed between MNRE and ISE in 2013



Idea of the »Solar / RE Technology Bridge« as part of the Indo-German Energy Forum

The technology bridge aims to

- Identify the RES technologies, which are needed in India and are available in Germany
- Design joint research projects on RES technologies, which creates a win-winsituation for Indian and German research groups
- Develop sound financing schemes for such R&D projects
- **Expected results**
- General concept on
 - How to stimulate joint R&D projects on solutions adapted to Indian conditions
 - How to strengthen the technology transfer from Germany to India in a sustainable way
 - How to finance joint R&D projects















Thank you very much for your attention!



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