

Participation in the Coordination Committee meeting organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency
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The BEE (Bureau of Energy Efficiency), Government of India is the nodal agency for promoting energy efficiency in India, and is committed to bringing about energy efficiency improvements in the Indian SME sector. BEE has initiated a project to promote energy efficiency in 25 energy-intensive SME clusters e.g. brass, textiles, glass, ceramics, foundry, roof tiles & bricks, rice milling, etc. The project entails preparation of 'situation analysis' of the identified clusters, and formulation of detailed bankable projects in these sectors. TERI is the implementing partner in this BEE-initiated project.

As part of this initiative, BEE organized the 1st Coordination Committee Meeting on the project on 29 March 2009. Mr Jitender Sood, Energy Economist, BEE presented the features of the project. Mr Abhay Bakrey, Joint Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME described the various interventions undertaken by the Ministry with special reference to the ongoing schemes of the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council.

The participants at the meeting came from different organizations that are involved in promoting improvement in energy efficiency in the SME sector. They included representatives from SDC, UNDP (United Nations Development Program), UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization), FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), CII (Confederation of Indian Industries), Winrock International India Ltd, French Agency for Environment and Energy Management, and TERI. The participants shared the best practices being promoted by them in their interventions programs. Overall, the meeting was useful as an '*experience sharing platform*'. Encouraged by this, BEE is keen on holding such interactions in the future as well.