

## **Panel 2: India**

### **Introduction**

#### **Martin Bunch:**

Hello. My name is Martin Bunch. I am from the Faculty of Environmental Studies. I am happy to welcome you here and to introduce three Indian delegates to his conference.

The first speaker will be Vivek Jha, who is the Area Convenor, Rural Extension Activity, for The Energy and Resources Institute, TERI in India. Vivek is a planner who trained at the School of Planning and Architecture in Delhi, a very good school in India. He has been working with community initiatives with TERI, including the TERI initiative 'Lighting a billion Lives', which I think is a project name that we have heard a few times. I will leave it up to Vivek and the other speakers to tell you more about themselves, if they wish, when they do their presentations. I am very happy to have this perspective, particularly from a planner. It links well in with our faculty who actually does a lot of training in planning and I understand that Vivek is an urban and regional planner, something that we have quite a lot of interest in here.

The second speaker will be Chaitanya Kumar from the Indian Youth Climate Network. Chaitanya hails from a middle class family in Hyderabad and he has just graduated with a background in computer science engineering. He has an interest in movies, music and climate change. He also happens to be, as I understand, a competitor in national quizzing competitions and I believe that he has won at the national level. So we do have a champion here. He is interested in writing plays and prose. He is a freelance journalist. He runs a blog. He runs a movie podcast and he is involved with an organization in Hyderabad called Hyderabad Unplug, a group trying to create awareness on climate change and a young literary club.

Our third speaker will be Professor Joyashree Roy, coordinator of the Global Climate Change Programme at Jadavpur University. She is head of the Department of Economics at that university. She had evolved and leads several major research collaborative initiatives there, including the Global Climate Change Programme and a Nippon Foundation project with a research focus on tradition, social change and sustainable development.

She has also published a book on *Demand for Energy in Indian Industries - A Quantitative Approach* (1992) and has multidisciplinary interests in understanding and solving developmental issues.

I would like to invite the first of our three speakers, Vivek Jha, to begin his presentation. I should note that these presenters will take about 20 to 30 minutes, not the 45 minutes it says on your schedule so we will see how the actual timing goes and if we will break between the second and third speaker. I should also note that if we have the same kinds of interesting questions at the end, we will actually be able to have some solid discussion.