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- Dinesh S. Parakh, Program Advisor, RETScreen International
- Kevin Bourque, Senior Engineer, RETScreen International



**Question and Answer Session** 

# **Clean Energy Ministerial**

#### The Solutions Center:

I aunched under the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) in 2011

#### **Clean Energy Ministerial:**

A high-level global forum to promote policies and programs that advance clean energy technology, to share lessons learned and best practices, and to encourage the transition to a global clean energy economy.



90%

of

**Clean energy** investment

**75%** 

of

Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



## Solutions Center: Background & Vision

- Multilateral initiative, of the Clean Energy Ministerial, is co-led by the Australian Department of the Environment and Energy, Sweden's Ministry of the Environment and Energy, and the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Additional funding support from Power Africa
- In-kind support from Chile
- The Solutions Center is a unique CEM initiative assisting countries in all regions of the world in strengthening clean energy policies and finance measures
- Supporting transition of clean energy markets and technologies



\*US participation & leadership are under review.

#### **Solutions Center: Goals and Audience**

Programs and Services

- Team of 50+ experts from around the globe responded to 350+ requests for policy support from more than 80 countries
  - Extensive support across Africa, Asia, and LAC
  - Launched support for finance measures in 2015
- Trained over 15,000 officials through more than 225 webinars and training events with others
- Strong & growing partnerships with development agencies and regional and global organizations in delivery of support
- Over 5500 resources in curated library for policy makers

Target
Audiences

- Primary
  - Government Policy Makers and Advisors
- Secondary
  - Private-Sector Companies
  - Energy Entrepreneurs and Investors
  - Non-Governmental Organizations
  - Civil Society
  - Others Engaged in Clean Energy

#### **Solutions Center: Partnerships**

#### More than 35 international partners:

- Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN)
- ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS-GP)
- Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (REN21)
- Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)
- USAID Power Africa (USAID PA)









## Ask an Expert: Our Experts in Action



We connect you to a global network of energy experts for personalized attention and quick response technical assistance on **strategies**, **regulations**, **standards**, **financial incentives**, **and energy transition programs** for a broad range of clean energy sectors and technologies including:

- Carbon Capture Utilization & Storage
- Energy Access
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Smart Grid
- Transportation
- Utilities



# **Dinesh S. Parakh,** Program Advisor, RETScreen International



Dinesh S. Parakh manages strategic partnerships, communications, business development, and training & capacity building for RETScreen International at Natural Resources Canada's CanmetENERGY research centre in Varennes, Quebec. He is also the lead author of the RETScreen Clean Energy Legal Toolkit and the RETScreen Clean Energy Policy Toolkit. A lawyer in Ontario, Dinesh has worked in international development since 1999 with extensive experience throughout Africa. He was formerly with the United Nations Development Programme and World Food Programme in South Africa, as well as the Canadian International Development Agency in Ottawa, Canada. Dinesh holds a B.A. from Yale University, and an M.A. and J.D. from the University of Toronto.

# **Kevin Bourque**, Senior Engineer, RETScreen International



Kevin Bourque is part of the development team of the RETScreen Clean Energy Management Software at Natural Resources Canada's CanmetENERGY research centre in Varennes, Quebec. He specializes in RETScreen software development (including the development of power, industrial, commercial, institutional and residential archetypes), providing RETScreen software technical support (including delivering training seminars and train-the-trainer workshops) and developing online distance learning tools such as the e-Textbook and case studies. Prior to joining NRCan, Kevin worked as a wind energy consultant specializing in the assessment, computer modelling and performance analysis of wind energy systems. He has been working in the energy field since 1999. Kevin obtained a Bachelor of Engineering degree (Mining Engineering) from McGill University.

#### **Question and Answer Session**



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