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## Mission Innovation in India

Mission Innovation (MI) is a global initiative of 24 countries and the European Union to accelerate the global clean energy innovation. The 25 members have committed to seek to double public investment in clean energy RD\&D and engage with the private sector, fostering international collaboration and celebrating innovators.

The Indian Government has given the responsibility to Ministry of Science \& Technology to coordinate the Indian MI initiatives. India has taken lead in MI activities by arranging country workshops in all eight innovation challenges and has also organized MI International workshops/conferences on Smart Grids, Heating and cooling of buildings, clean energy materials and Sustainable Biofuels.

Department of Science \& Technology (DST) has led Innovation Challenges on Smart Grids and Off Grids while Department of Bio-Technology (DBT) has led sustainable biofuels innovation challenge. MI India Team in consultation with experts has identified priority areas in all eight innovation challenges where international cooperation and mutually beneficial engagements can be established. Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage is one of the key Mission Innovation Challenges

