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BEE in association with Indian Banks' Association and West Bengal State Designated Agency organized a training of trainers (ToT) workshop on 19-21 April 2017 in Kolkata. This was fourth and last regional ToT workshop being organized under Training Program for Scheduled Commercial Banks on Energy Efficiency financing in India.

This workshop was inaugurated by Executive Director of West Bengal State Designated Agency in presence of Chief Engineer and senior officials from IREDA, Indian Banks' Association and Bureau of Energy Efficiency. In this workshop 7 Banks had nominated 17 trainers to be trained on Energy Efficiency Financing. All the dignitaries from Energy Efficiency sector and financial institutions motivated the participants to work towards Energy Efficiency Financing as well as elaborated the importance of Energy Efficiency in mitigating climate change effects and growing investment potential in this area.

In this 3 days workshop, participants were given exposure in the area of Energy Efficiency market and features of Energy Efficiency projects as well as financial and technical evaluation of projects. A separate module was kept for Measurement & Verification of projects and a few Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) were also invited to share their experience with Bankers. On 2nd day all the participants were taken for a site visit to SBI's building in Kolkata where Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy projects were implemented. Participants from various banks got practical experience of witnessing Energy Efficiency project and appreciating its financial proposition too.

After concluding this last ToT workshop in Kolkata, BEE would work for organizing individual training workshops for loan/ credit/ project financing officials of financial institutions on Energy Efficiency financing in coming months.

Press release for fourth ToT workshop held on 19-21 April 2017