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## **Chairman of renewable energy firm appointed to US advisory committee**

Kenyan-born Ameet Shah, co-chairman of Astonfield Renewables, a leading provider of affordable renewable energy in emerging markets, has been appointed to the prestigious US Department of Commerce Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee.

Acting US Secretary of Commerce Rebecca M. Blank appointed Mr Shah to represent project developers. Mr Shah will help advise the department's top official on competitiveness issues facing US renewable energy and energy efficiency exports, and help provide consensus advice on the development and administration of programs and policies to expand US renewable energy and energy efficiency exports and strengthen the competitiveness of the industry.

Formed in 2010, the Committee is made up of approximately 30 individuals representing renewable energy companies, energy efficiency companies, organisations and trade associations.

"I believe that the United States has a unique and unrivaled opportunity to supply goods and services to these markets. I hope to provide a deep insight to the Committee on shepherding US companies to tap into this market over the coming years," said Mr Shah.