



11th Meeting of SAREP Task Force-1 on “Coordination of Policies, Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Cross Border Electricity Trade”

9th and 10th October 2023, The Maitland State Room, Mount Lavinia Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Agenda

Monday, 9th October 2023

10.00-10.45 Hrs.	Inaugural Session - 1
10.00-10.45Hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Address by Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy and Clean Energy Specialist, Indo Pacific Office, USAID/India• Introduction by Ms. Namrata Mukherjee, Deputy Chief of Party, South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP)• Keynote Address by Mr. M P D U K Mapa Pathirana, Ministry of Power, Government of Sri Lanka.• Vote of Thanks by Rajiv Ratna Panda, Power Market Specialist, South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP)
10.45-11.00 Hrs.	Group Photograph and Tea break
11.00-13.15 Hrs.	Session 2: Country Updates on “Coordination of Policies, Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Cross Border Electricity Trade”
11.00-11.15 Hrs.	Context Setting Presentation on Cross Border Electricity Trade, Regional Energy Cooperation and Emerging Regional Perspective for South Asia by Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda, Power Market Specialist, South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP)
11.15 -13.00 Hrs.	Presentation (15 Minutes each) by members of SAREP Task Force-1 on the <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Existing policy, legal and regulatory framework for CBET and need for harmonization /coordination through conducive policies, legal and regulatory instruments.2) Long Term Cross Border Energy Policy and Regulatory expectations/perspectives for sustainable Cross Border Energy Trade and regional energy market.3) Suggestions on any needed change in policies, legal and regulatory frameworks. Moderated by Ms. Namrata Mukherjee, Deputy Chief of Party and Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda, Power Market Specialist, SAREP
11.15 -12.30 Hrs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Bangladesh- Mr. Sk. Munir Ahmed, Director (Management), Power Cell, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral resources, Bangladesh2) Bhutan- Mr. Karma Namgyel, Executive Engineer, Power System and Management Division, Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Bhutan3) India- Dr. S K Chatterjee, Joint Chief (Regulatory Affairs), Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), India4) Nepal - Mr. Babu Raj Adhikari, Senior Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Energy Water Resources and Irrigation, Nepal5) Sri Lanka- Mr. Sugath Dharmakeerthi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Sri Lanka
12.30-13.00 Hrs.	Discussion
13.00-14.00 Hrs.	Lunch
14.00 -15.00 Hrs.	Session 3: Updates on the planned Interventions of the SAREP Task Force-1 on “Coordination of Policies, Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for CBET”
	Presentation by Ms. Namrata Mukherjee, Deputy Chief of Party and Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda, Power Market Specialist, SAREP covering the following

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recap of the TOR of the SAREP Task Force -1 and key activities 2. Developing Long Term Regional Cross Border Energy Policy & Regulatory Vision (RCEPRV) as a future outlook with a 25 to 30-year time horizon, in consultation with policy makers, regulators for long term sustainability of CBET in the region based on common principles. 3. Identifying any inconsistencies/gaps in acts, policies, regulations, and agreements from the perspective of CBET, and suggest/recommend corrective legal, policy and regulatory measures. 4. Considering that different countries of SA are at different stages of power sector reform/evolution, regulation, and policy framework development, providing country-specific, needs-based technical support and assistance to relevant institutions for development of appropriate policy, legal and regulatory frameworks through SAREP Secretariat. 5. Developing a comprehensive common/coordinated Regional Regulatory Framework and Regulation (CRRFR). 6. Developing regional frameworks and guidelines to support regional infrastructure projects and power trade, such as establishment of a regional dispute resolution mechanism. 7. Conduct knowledge exchanges, study tours, executive exchanges, and capacity-building activities. 8. Any other point
15.00-15.15 Hrs.	Tea Break
15.15-15.35 Hrs.	Presentation and Deliberations on the draft Terms of Reference of the knowledge study on “Long Term Regional Cross Border Energy Policy & Regulatory Vision (RCEPRV) as a future outlook with a 25 to 30-year time horizon, in consultation with policy makers, regulators for long term sustainability of CBET based on common principles” by Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda, Power Market Specialist, SAREP.
15.35-15.55 Hrs.	Presentation and Deliberations on the draft Terms of Reference of the knowledge study on “Developing Regional Dispute Settlement Framework and Mechanism for Advancing Cross Border Electricity Trade in South Asian Region” by Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda, SAREP.
15.55-16.15 Hrs.	Presentation and Deliberations on the draft Terms of Reference of the knowledge study on “Regional Policy and Regulatory Framework Electricity Market Monitoring and Oversight “by Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda, Power Market Specialist, SAREP.
16.15-16.45 Hrs.	Theme presentation and deliberation on ideas/ new activities under Task Force-1 to meet the key objective of TF-1 i.e. , harmonization of policy, legal and regulatory issues for fair allocation of costs and risks through conducive policies, legal and regulatory instruments, in order to create the enabling systemic conditions for a sustainable market for implementation and expansion of CBET projects, in the context changing/evolving scenario in South Asia and updating and expansion of the Task Force-1 activities by Ms. Namrata Mukherjee, Deputy Chief of Party and Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda, SAREP
16.45 -16.55 Hrs.	Concluding Remarks and Way forward by Ms. Miriam Rozanne Croos Moraes, Project Development Specialist (Energy), USAID/Sri Lanka and USAID/Maldives
16.55-17.00 Hrs.	Vote of thanks by SAREP
17.00-17.30 Hrs.	High Tea
Tuesday, 10th October 2023	
07.30-17.00 Hrs.	Technical Visit to the Victoria Hydro Power Plant (210 MW)