

# SOUTH ASIA CLEAN ENERGY FORUM 2023

*Catalyzing Partnership for Clean Energy Transition*

May 2-4, 2023  
The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi, India

## South Asia Clean Energy Forum (SACEF) 2023: A Landmark Event



USAID/India Mission Director Veena Reddy giving her Opening Remarks.

New Delhi, May 2-4 – The inaugural South Asia Clean Energy Forum convened by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) marks a new chapter in regional partnership for clean energy transition. The event in New Delhi brought together representatives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and Nepal, as well as clean energy transition experts and like-minded partners, highlighting the critical need for sustainable energy solutions in South Asia.

SACEF 2023 focused on fostering regional cooperation to address the growing energy demand and transition to sustainable energy sources. This gathering emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to overcome the challenges facing the South Asian energy sector.

### Opening Addresses: Stronger Collaboration

Representatives from USAID, the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, NITI Aayog, and the International Solar Alliance inaugurated the discussion, highlighting cross-sector collaborations' vital role in progressing South Asia's clean energy shift.

- Mr. John Smith-Sreen, USAID Indo-Pacific Office: Highlighted collaboration's role in advancing South Asia's clean energy, focusing on policy, technology, and solutions.
- Ms. Veena Reddy, USAID/India: Emphasized SACEF's goal of fostering cooperation and innovative technologies for South Asia's climate objectives.
- Dr. Ajay Mathur, International Solar Alliance: Pointed out SACEF's timely response to South Asia's growing energy demands.
- Ms. Patricia A. Lacina, US Embassy in India: Discussed South Asia's global significance in climate change solutions and sustainability.
- Mr. Suman Bery, NITI Aayog: Spoke about NITI Aayog's holistic green transition strategy, integrating technology, finance, regulation, and behavioral aspects.



## Pre-forum Events: Partners' Day Sessions

The pre-forum Partners' Day enabled pivotal networking and participant-led activities, instrumental for cultivating future ties. Spotlighted by talks and discussions concentrated on energy transition breakthroughs, it established a collaborative mindset leading into the subsequent main event.

- (Closed-door event) Powering South Asia's Energy Transition: A Celebration of Partnerships | Organized by the South Asia Regional Hub (SAREH)
- Roundtable Presentation: Solutions Offered by USAID and U.S. Department of Energy National Labs through SAGE 2.0 | Organized by SAGE and NREL
- Cross Border Renewable Energy Trade in South Asia | Organized by PTC Limited India
- NBFC Perspective on Financing Clean Energy Projects | Organized by Tata Clean Tech, CASPIAN and NIFRA
- Decentralised Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihoods and Women Empowerment | Organized by CLEAN and WEFT
- Role of Energy Service Company in Promoting Energy Efficiency | Organized by EESL





## Main Forum: 10 In-depth Sessions



Over 400 participants, including more than 60 expert speakers, gathered to delve into critical topics shaping the future of clean energy in South Asia. The two-day main forum's agenda hosted insightful discussions on these topics:

### May 3, 2023

- Opening Session: Shaping the Future of Energy in South Asia: Partnerships, Technologies, and Opportunities
- Session 1: Building a Resilient Energy Future: Distributed Energy Resources (DER) for Demand Flexibility and Grid Resilience
- Session 2: Smart Metering and Data Analytics
- Session 3: Advancing E-Mobility in South Asia
- Session 4: World Café

### May 4, 2023

- Session 5: Advancing Green Hydrogen through Collaborative Efforts in South Asia
- Session 6: Mobilizing investments in Cross-border Electricity Trade (CBET) in South Asia: Strategies for Successful Regional Transactions
- Session 7: What Works? Innovative Financing Strategies in South Asia
- Session 8: Successful Examples of Training and Skills Development for Clean Energy Work Force
- Closing Session: Paving the Way Forward: Actionable Insights and Next Steps for South Asia's Clean Energy Revolution



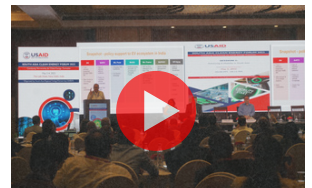
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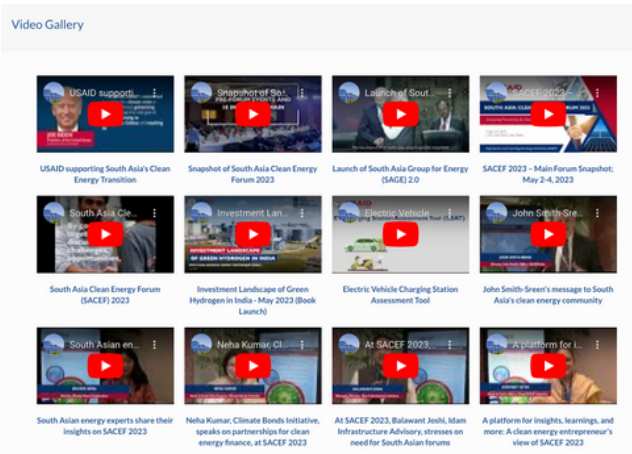
[Session 8- Training and Skills Development for Clean Energy Work Force](#)



[Closing Session- South Asia Clean Energy Forum \(SACEF\) 2023 Closing Session](#)

Click thumbnail to watch the recordings of the sessions.

## Missed SACEF 2023? Explore Our Curated Resources



In case you missed the live event, we have curated a comprehensive collection of SACEF resources for you. To support ongoing engagement and knowledge sharing, we are pleased to offer:

- [Detailed Agenda](#): Here is the structured agenda of SACEF 2023.
- [Video Gallery](#): Experience the forum's sessions and keynotes through our extensive video recordings.
- [Photo Gallery](#): Browse the moments of collaboration and engagement captured in our photo gallery.
- [Speaker Bios](#): Learn about the expertise and backgrounds of our distinguished speakers.
- [Presentations](#): Access the session presentations for a better understanding of the discussions.



## Looking Forward to SACEF 2024: Building on Success

Reflecting on SACEF 2023's feats, we eagerly anticipate what SACEF 2024 will achieve. This year's forum successfully convened key players across South Asia's clean energy transition. SACEF 2023 has surpassed expectations to become a landmark forum for clean energy transition in South Asia. We delightedly commit to making SACEF an annual occurrence that continually spurs cooperation and innovation. This year's momentum establishes a robust foundation for 2024's edition, promising greater engagement, understanding and collective action.

Please stay tuned for the release of SACEF 2023 Highlights, which will encapsulate the key moments and insights from this year's event. These highlights will serve as a beacon for our ongoing journey towards a sustainable energy future in South Asia.