



## **Development Partners' Meet: Clean Energy Transition in South Asia**

Organized by **USAID** through **South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP)**

Day & Date: **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

Time: **9 AM to 2 PM IST**

Venue: **Le Belvedere, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Le Meridien, New Delhi**

### **Background:**

The inaugural Development Partners' Meeting on '**Clean Energy Transition in South Asia- Meet**' scheduled for **January 31, 2024**, is a significant coordination platform being organized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under its flagship program, the South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP).

SAREP is a regional flagship program of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) which improves access to affordable, secure, reliable, and sustainable energy in six countries – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka – to strengthen systems and processes, in line with the economic and energy-security priorities of these countries. SAREP's interventions focus on energy and market integration, advanced energy solutions and systems, utility modernization, and private sector participation and engagement.

The primary objective of the meeting is to gain insights into the ongoing clean energy transition efforts we all are making. By understanding the landscape, the meeting aims to foster collaboration, complement, and synergy among development partners to achieve the shared goal of a more sustainable future. The indicative agenda includes discussions on sharing areas of work and involved institutions, identifying collaboration sectors, forming working groups for priority sectors, and planning future meetings and coordination.

Participation of various stakeholders is crucial in this meeting to bring in the valuable insights and experience which drive forward the clean energy transition agenda. This event marks the first in a series of development partners' meetings that SAREP plans to organize, emphasizing the collaborative spirit essential for advancing sustainable energy solutions in the region. We eagerly anticipate your involvement in shaping the future of clean energy in South Asia.



## **AGENDA**

<b>Time (IST)</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>9 AM -9:30 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>
9:30 AM – 9:40 AM	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome remarks (5 mins) – <i>John Smith-Sreen, Director, Indo-Pacific Office, USAID/India</i></li><li>• Special Remarks (5 mins)- <i>Dr. Alexandria Huerta, Deputy Mission Director, USAID/India</i></li></ul>
9:40 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Presentation by USAID on SAREP</b> <p>Presentation of key objectives and thematic areas under SAREP and overview of the meeting objective (20 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Apurva Chaturvedi, Sr. Regional Clean Energy Specialist, Indo-Pacific Office, USAID/India</i></li><li>- <i>Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy &amp; Clean Energy Specialist and Mission Environment Officer, Indo-Pacific Office, USAID/India</i></li></ul>
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Brief introduction of participating organizations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organization Name and Participant’s name</li><li>• Sectors of work</li><li>• Geographical areas</li><li>• Collaboration areas</li><li>• Approx. investment – current and planned</li></ul>
<b>11:30 to 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
11: 45 AM – 1 PM	<b>Identifying Sectors for Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projection of the collated information</li><li>• Discussion on the common thematic areas for collaboration</li></ul>
	<b>Formation of Working Groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying and creating Working Groups</li><li>• Nodal institutions &amp; POCs</li><li>• Discussion on conduct of Working Group meetings.</li><li>• Is formation of Steering Committee needed?</li></ul>
1 PM – 1:10 PM	<b>Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summarization and key takeaways (5 mins) – <i>Bhaskar Rajah, Regional Energy Team Leader, Indo Pacific Office, USAID/India</i></li><li>• Vote of Thanks (5 mins) – <i>Aaron Schubert, Deputy Office Director, Indo Pacific Office, USAID/India</i></li></ul>
<b>1:10 PM - 2 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>