

# South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP)

## Presentation

on

# Study on International Best Practice for Developing Cross-Border Electricity Transmission Infrastructure

*South Asian Regional Context, Rationale, Scope of Work, Methodology & Approach of the study*

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# 01 → Cross Border Electricity Trade (CBET) & Transmission Interconnection in South Asia

## Current and Future Scenario

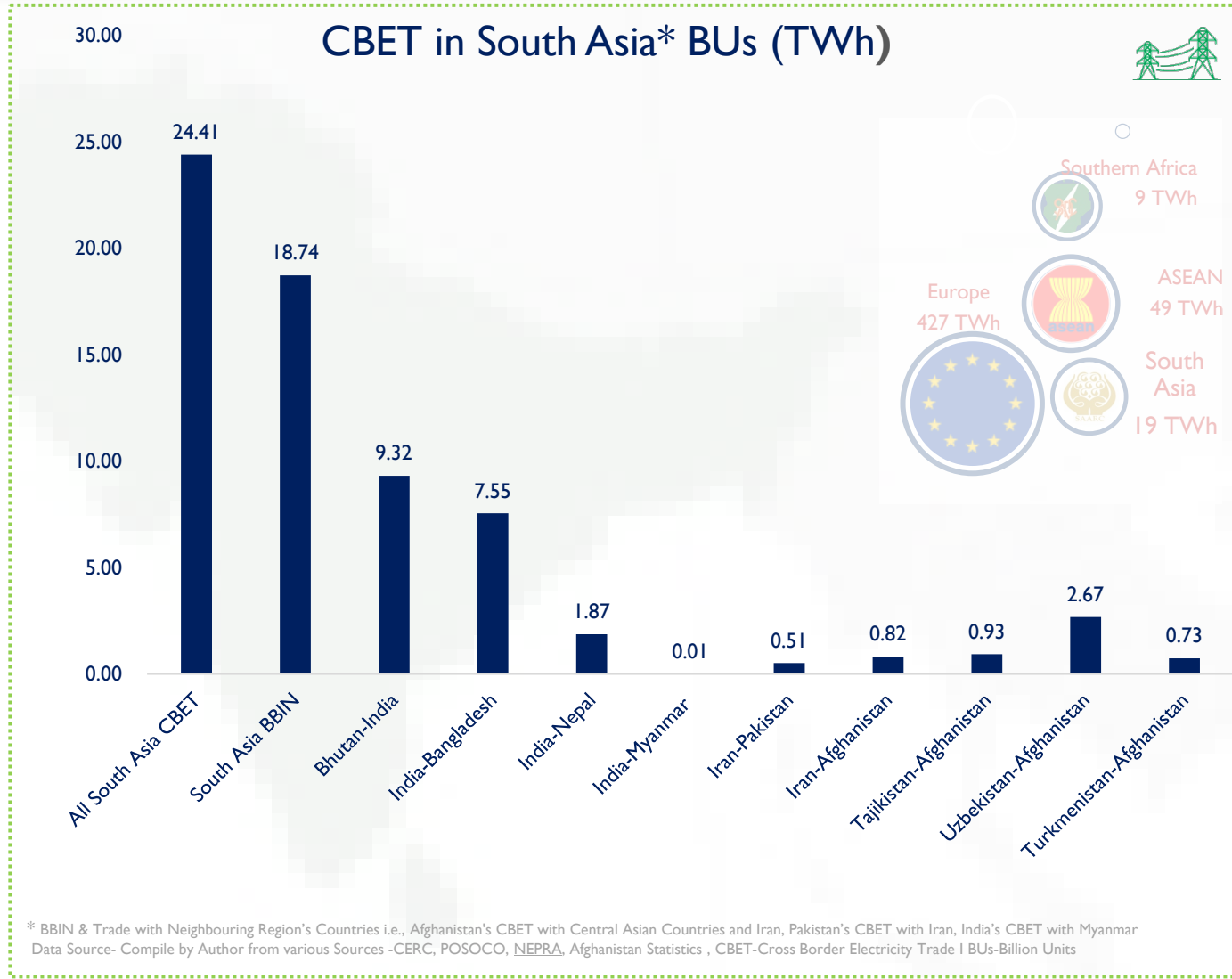
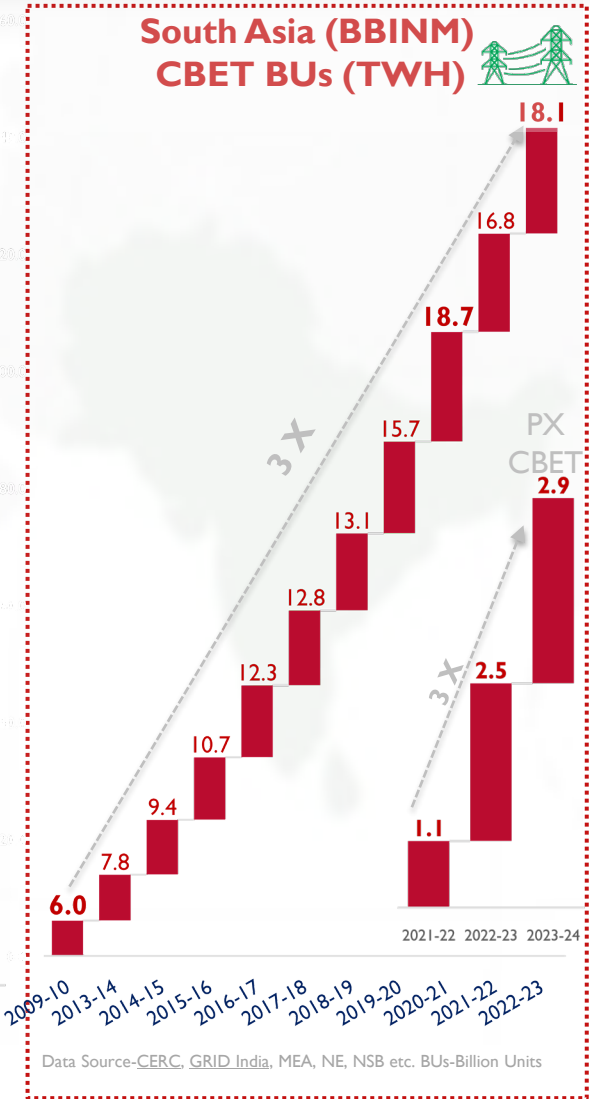
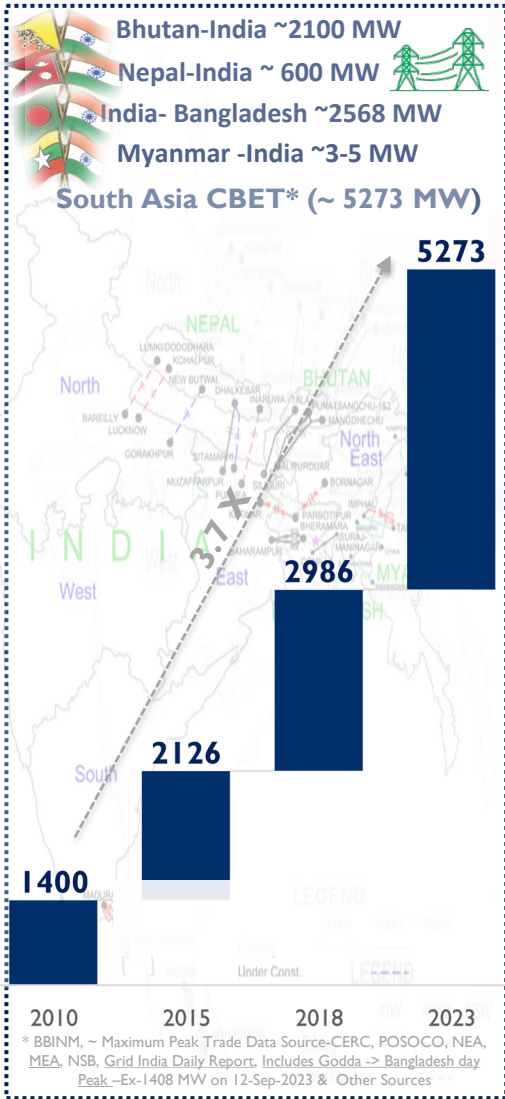


# South Asian Current Scenario-Evolution of Cross Border Electricity Trade

## A decade of action and Implementation





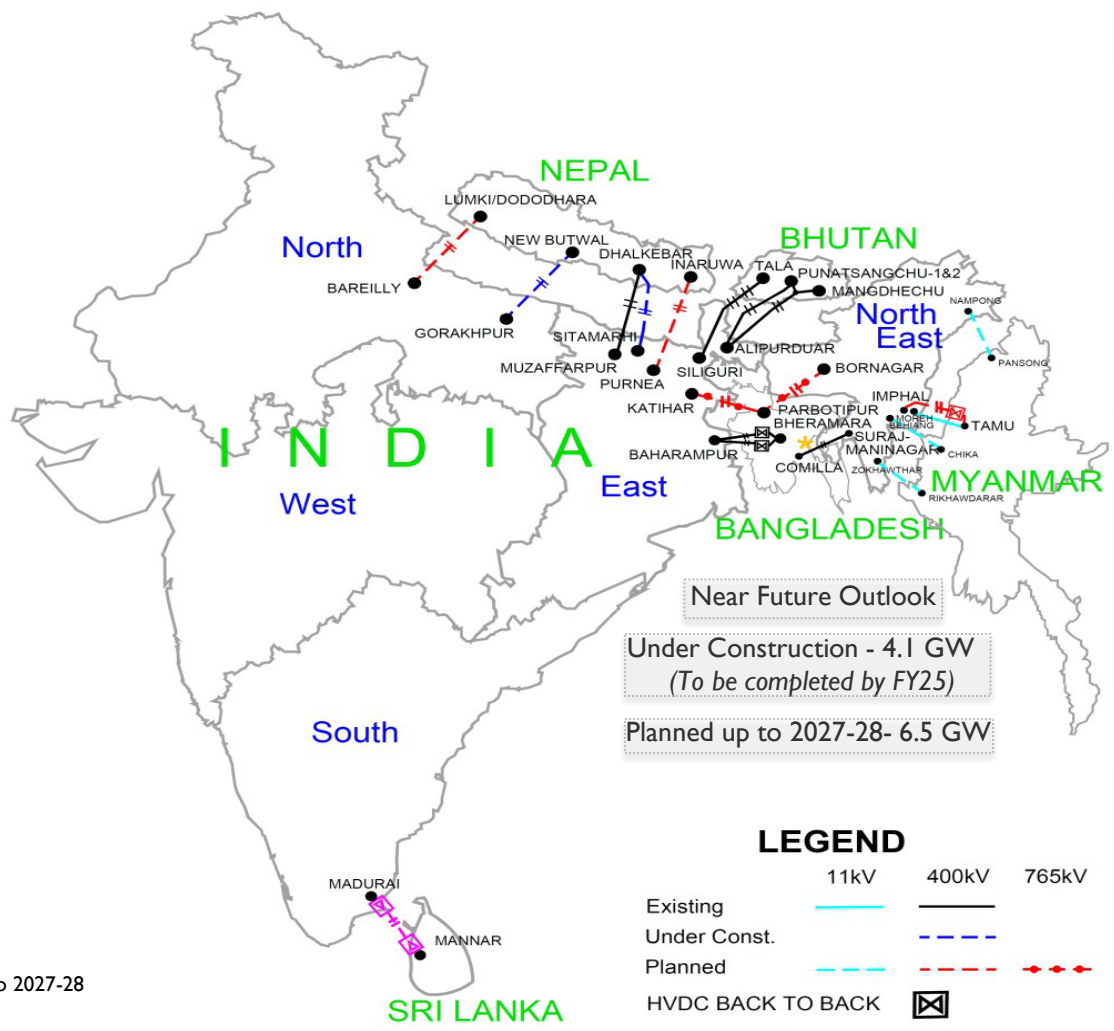


**CBET Tripled | EU (ENTSOe)-427 TWh | CBET PX- 6.48 BUs\* | Price (₹/Kwh)-FY23-Buy (Nepal @ 5.95 ₹, Bhutan @ 4.39 ₹) Sale (Nepal @ 5.14)**

\*Till January 2024, PX India Price FY 23 6.25 ₹, Trader 5.85 ₹

# 01.2 South Asia: Current Scenario & Future Outlook-*Cross Border Transmission Interconnection*

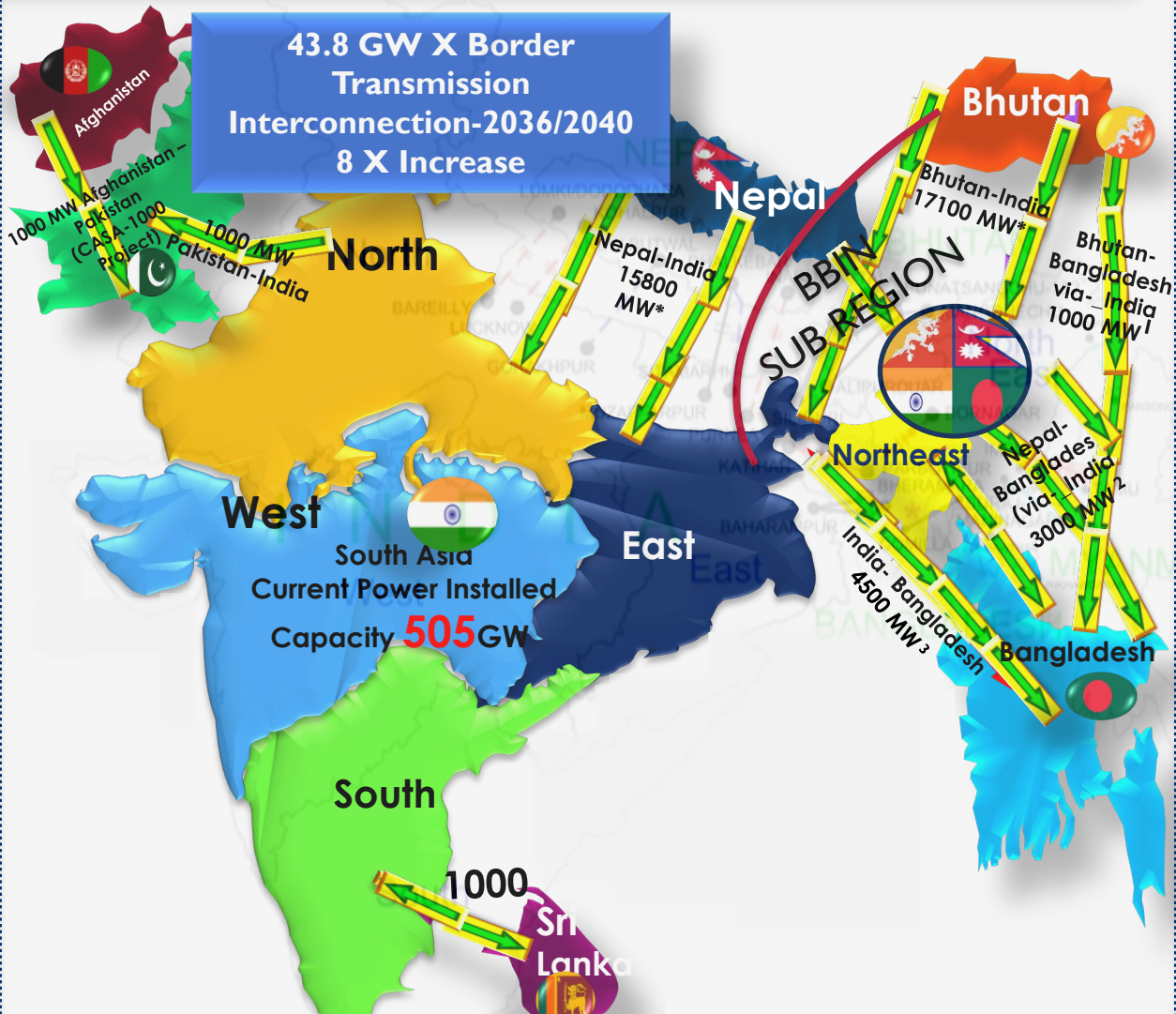
## Cross-Border Interconnections



\* Upto 2027-28

Source: CEA's Draft NTP & CTU's Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) Rolling Plan (2028-29) - Interim Report

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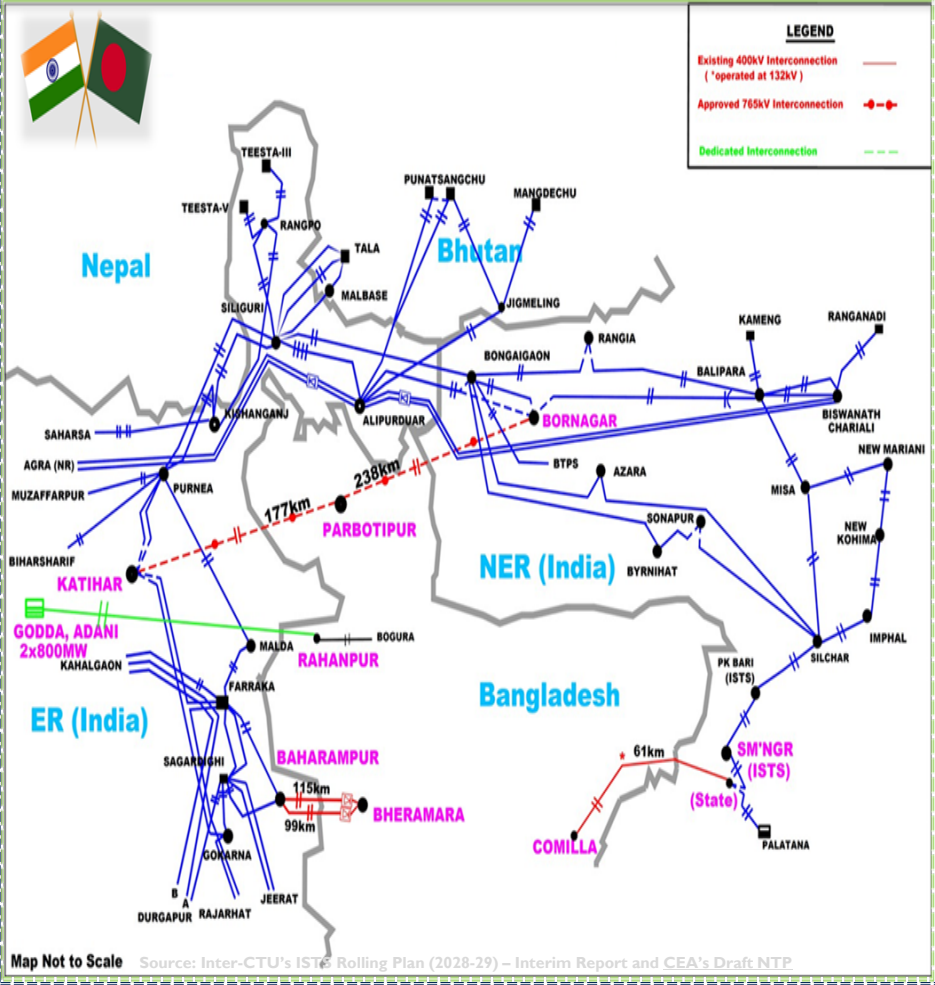
Compiled from \* India connection with Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka as per the CEA-Pakistan Transmission Master Plan, Bangladesh-PSMP-2016, India-Bangladesh as per the PSMP-2016 of Bangladesh, 1 Bhutan-Bangladesh via India (2030)-Bongaigaon/Rangia-Jamrapur, 2 Nepal-Bangladesh via India-From Nepal (Purnea-Barapukuria) by using Case 3 T/L (Initially 400kV AC)-2025, using Case 3 T/L (upgrade to 765kV AC)-2030, Bheramara-Baharampur-Additional extension of Bheramara HVDC Power import from Nepal (including GMR)-2021, 3 India-Bangladesh-Rangia/Rowla-Barapukuria 1,000 MW by 2023 & another 1000 MW by 2025 Power import by using Case 2 T/L (#800kV DC), Tripura-Comilla-400 MW by 2020, Bibiyana-Meghalaya (PSP) 1,000 MW 2030 PSP in Meghalaya State, Existing 1160 MW, Compiled by Author from various Sources, Rajiv Panda/SARI/EI, Presentation on "Deepening Power System Integration & Cross Border Electricity Trade in SAARC Region: Current Status & Future Outlook" by Rajiv Ratna Panda, 3 India-Bangladesh-Rangia/Rowla-Barapukuria 1,000 MW by 2023 & another 1000 MW by 2025 Power import by using Case 2 T/L (#800kV DC), Tripura-Comilla-400 MW by 2020, Bibiyana-Meghalaya (PSP) 1,000 MW 2030 PSP in Meghalaya State, Existing 1160 MW.

Recent Announcement are Encouraging- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the visit of Prime Minister of Nepal June 01, 2023, said, India to Import 10,000 MW of Power from Nepal in Next 10 Years

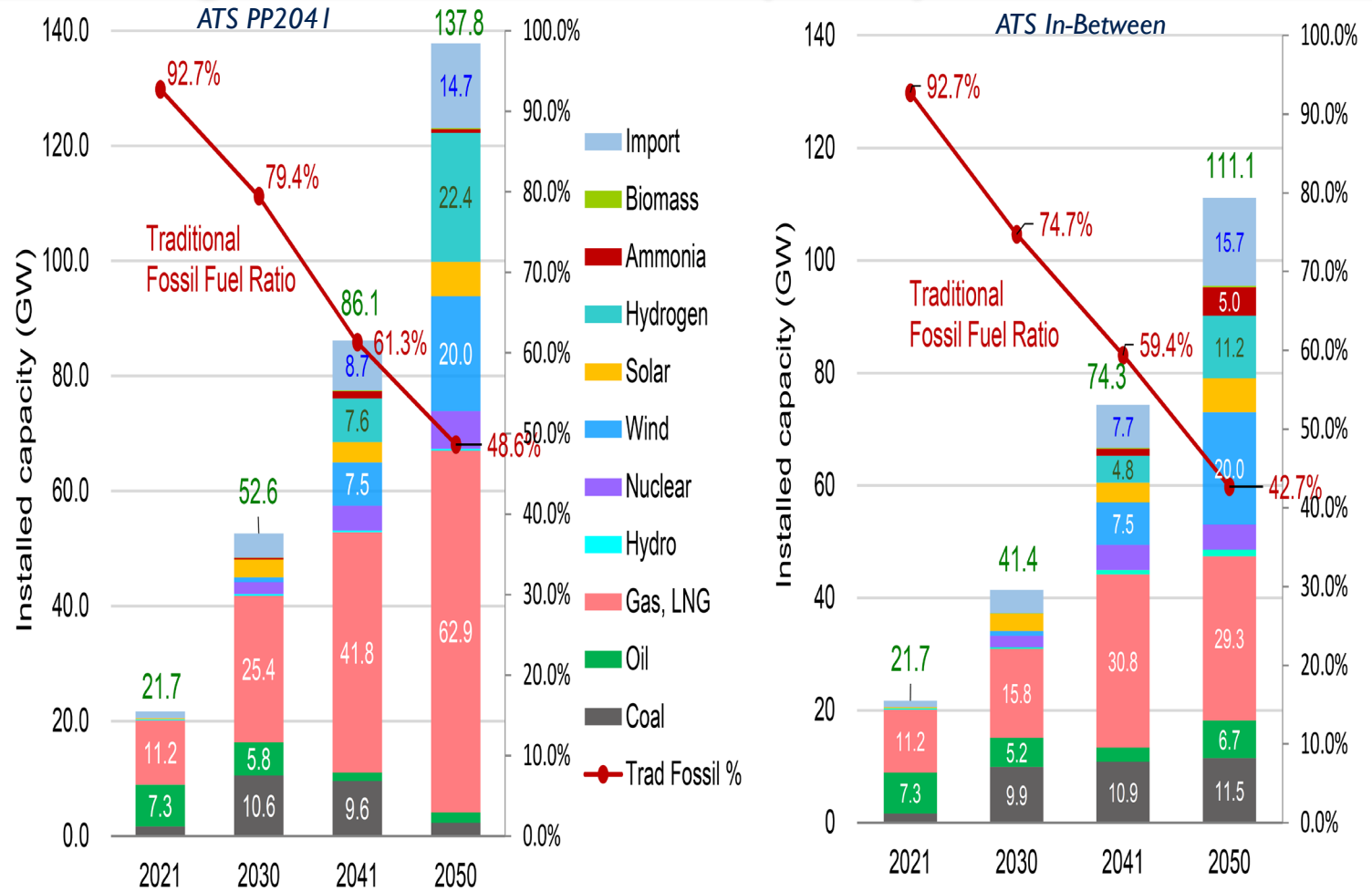




India-Bangladesh's Planned Katihar (Bihar) – Parbotipur (Bangladesh) – Bornagar (Assam) 765kV D/c line



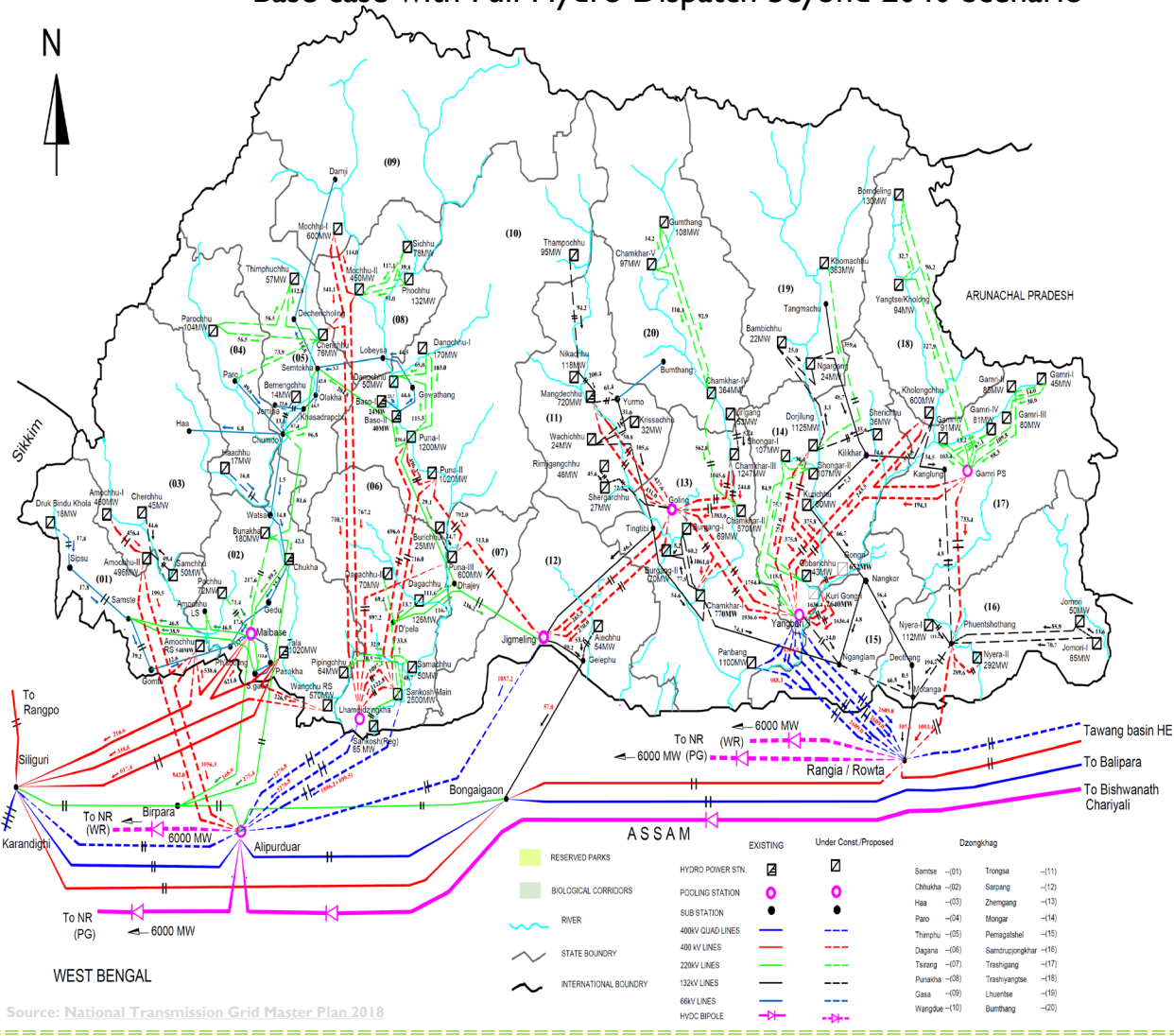
Bangladesh-15.7 GW of Import by 2050 (IEPMP) 2023



First 765 KV Cross-Border Transmission System Interconnection | More Interconnection would be needed for 15.7 GW of Import

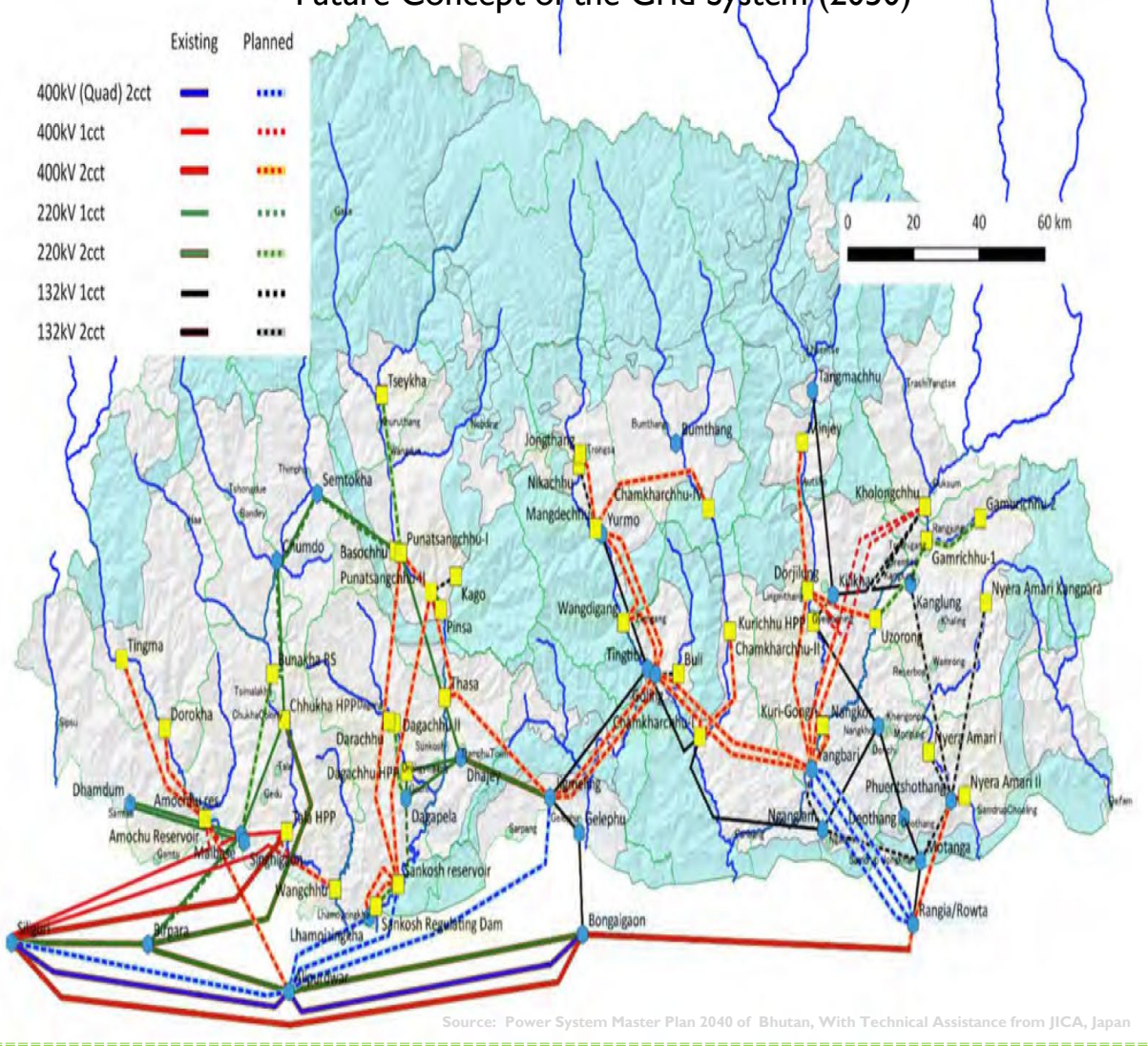


Base case with Full Hydro Dispatch beyond 2040 Scenario



Source: National Transmission Grid Master Plan 2018

Future Concept of the Grid System (2050)



Source: Power System Master Plan 2040 of Bhutan, With Technical Assistance from JICA, Japan

**Bhutan Has Robust X Border Interconnection with India. Several High-Capacity Interconnections are Envisaged**



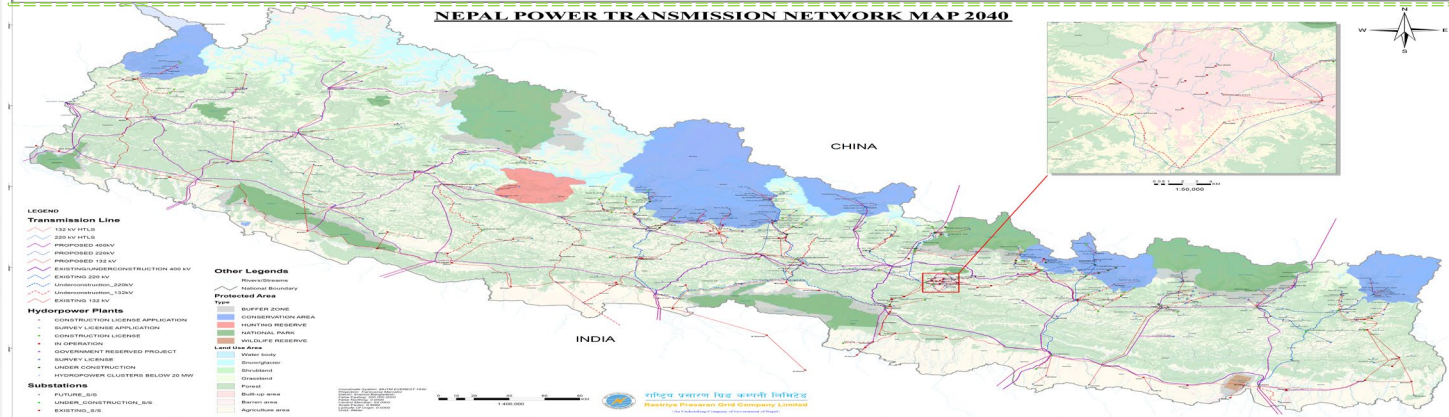
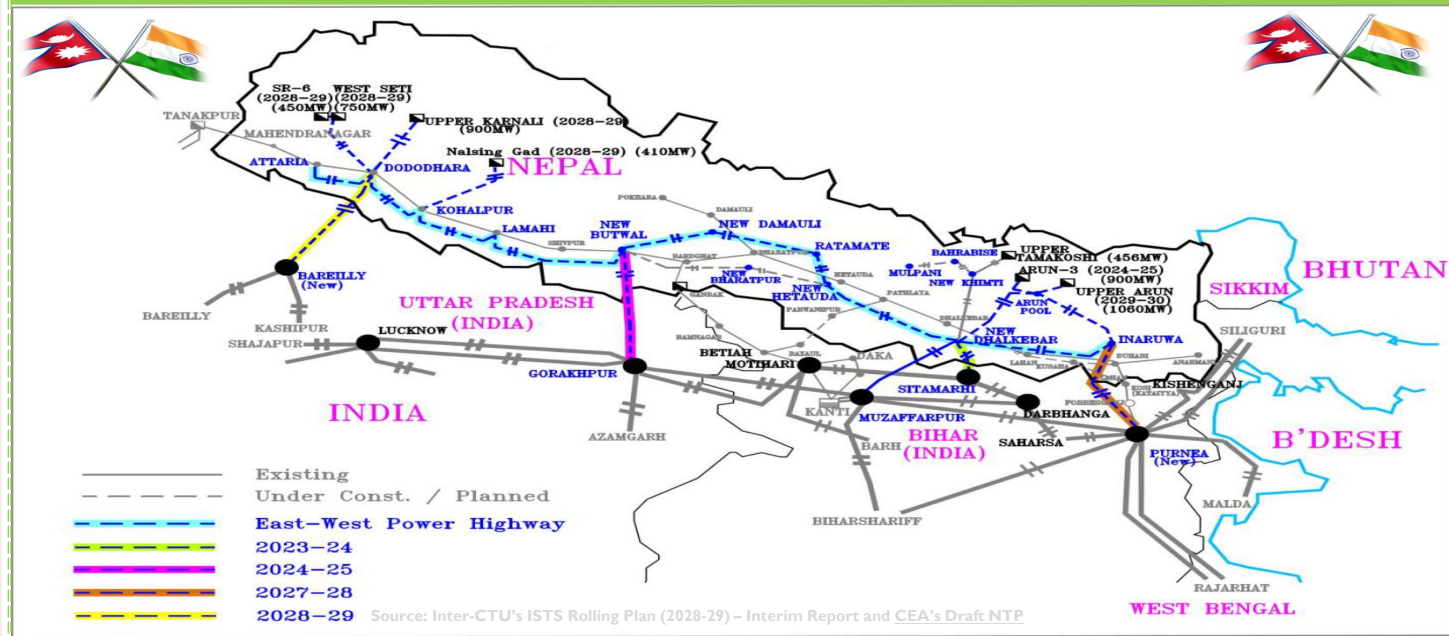


## NEPAL 's PROPOSED CROSS BORDER LINE WITH INDIA

Name	From BUS	To BUS	MW Flow
<b>Attariya- Bareilly Cross Border Transmission Line</b>			
Attariya-Bareilly	Attariya 400	Bareilly	700
<b>Dododhara–Bareilly Cross Border Transmission Line</b>			
Dododhara-Bareilly	Dododhara 400	Bareilly	3000
<b>Phulbari–Lucknow Cross Border Transmission Line</b>			
Phulbari-Lucknow	Phulbari 400	Lucknow	2600
<b>New Butwal–Gorakhpur Cross Border Transmission Line*</b>			
Butwal-Gorakhpur	Butwal 400	Gorakhpur	2500
<b>Dhalkebar – Muzaffarpur Cross Border Transmission Line</b>			
Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur	Dhalkebar 400	Muzaffarpur	3100
<b>Inaurwa – Purnea - Cross Border Transmission Line</b>			
Inaurwa-Purnea	Inaurwa 400	Purnea	1800

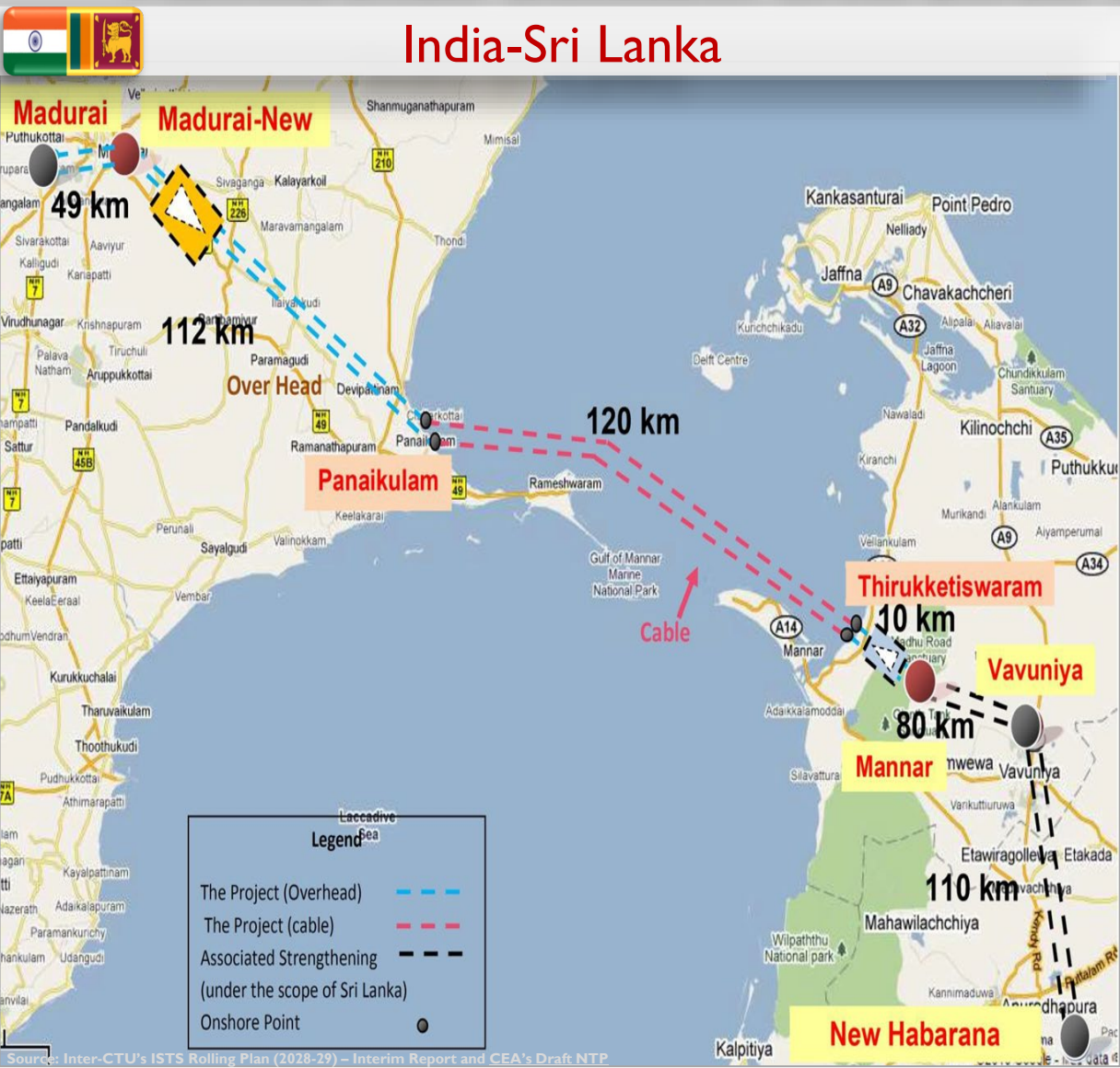
Source: Transmission System Development Plan of Nepal-July 2018 \* Under Construction

## India-Nepal Cross Border Transmission Interconnections Plan upto 2029-2030



Six Number of 400 KV Cross-Border Transmission System Interconnection

India-Sri Lanka



±320kV HVDC link (2x500 MW) between Madurai (India) and Mannar (Sri Lanka)

India-Myanmar



Imphal (India) - Tamu (Myanmar) AC line along with 1x500 MW HVDC back-to-back



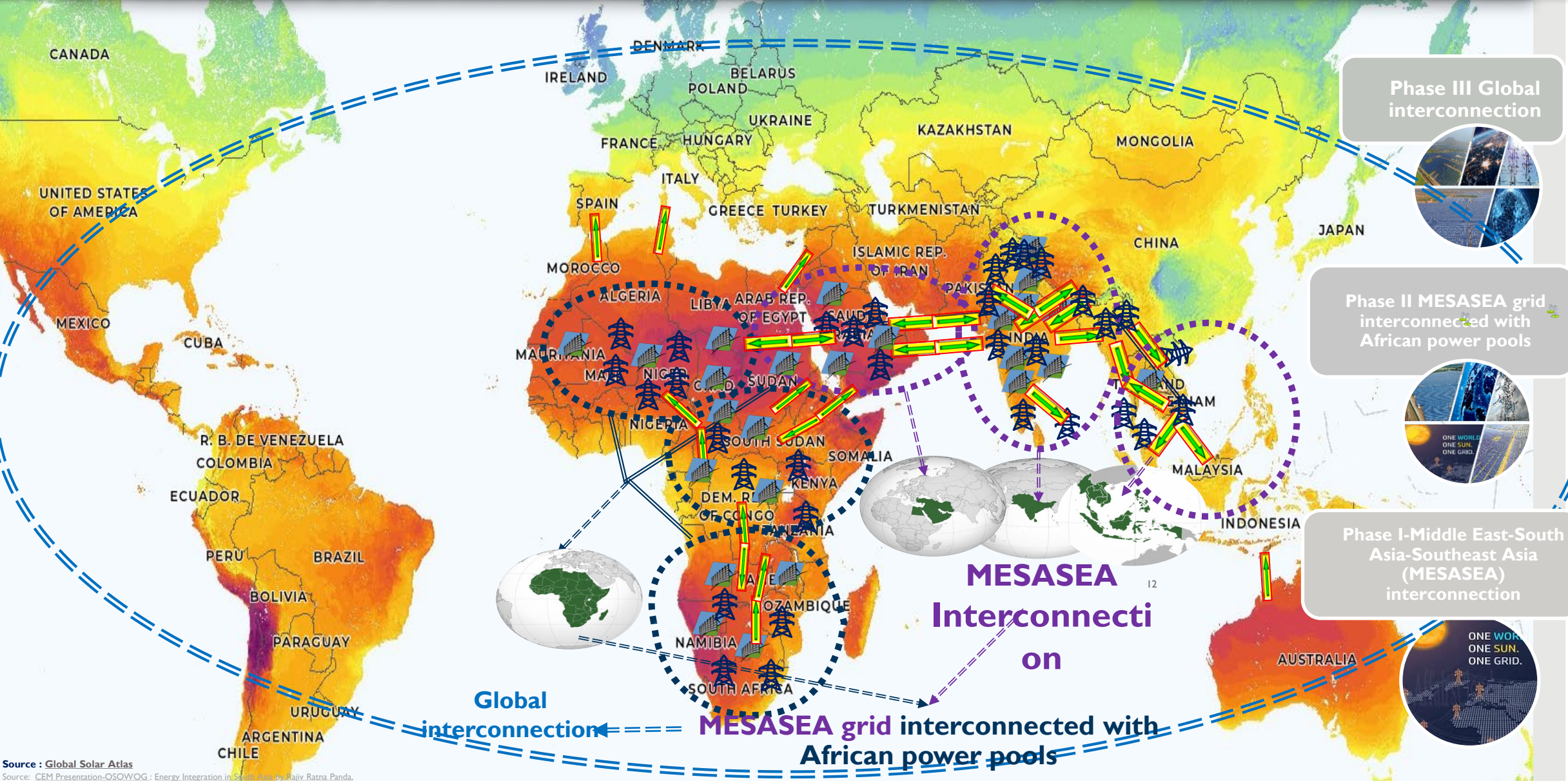
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# Trans-Regional Transmission/Grid Connectivity

*One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG)*



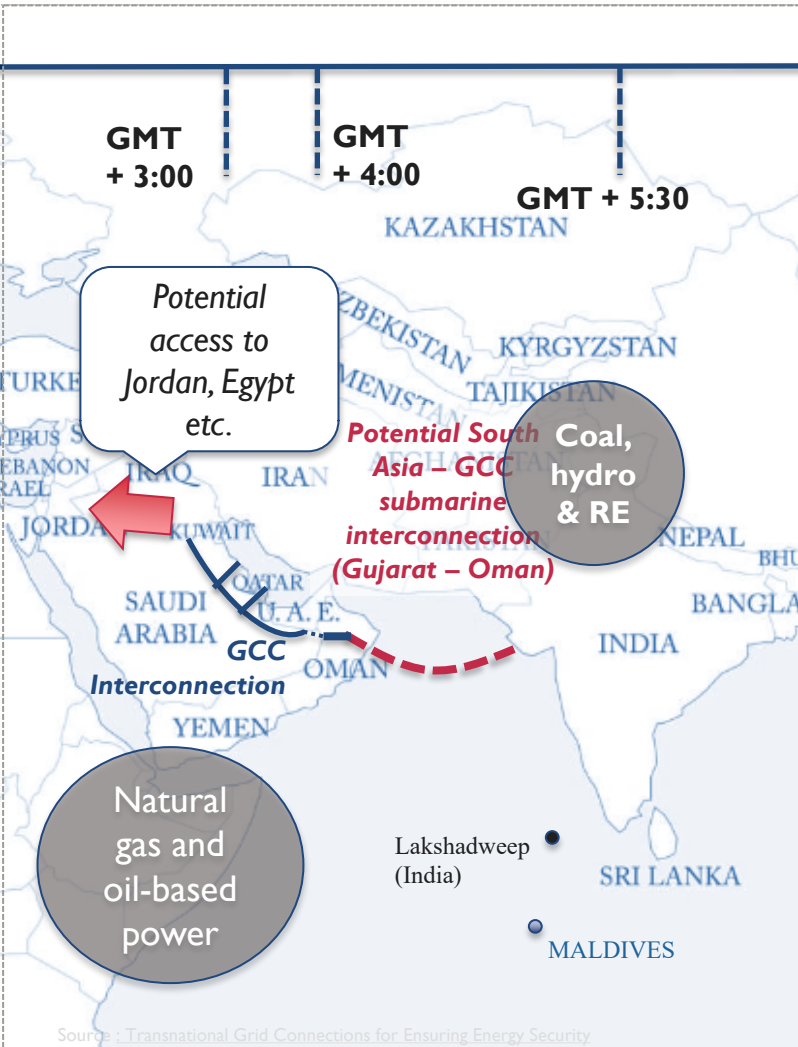
\*Artistic representation only, Map not to scale, do not represent any identified location/point of interconnection or direction of power flows, purpose is simply to illustrate graphically for easier understanding of OSOWOG & its 3 phase approach in graphical manner



Source : Global Solar Atlas  
Source : CEM Presentation-OSOWOG : Energy Integration in South Asia by Rajiv Ratna Panda.

February 14, 2024 : India-UAE Signed MoU in the field of Electricity Interconnection & Trade, which will bring to life the GGI –OSOWOG initiative





**India (Gujarat ) – GCC (Oman) Interconnection**

**HVDC Submarine Cable**

Oman is connected to GCC Grid

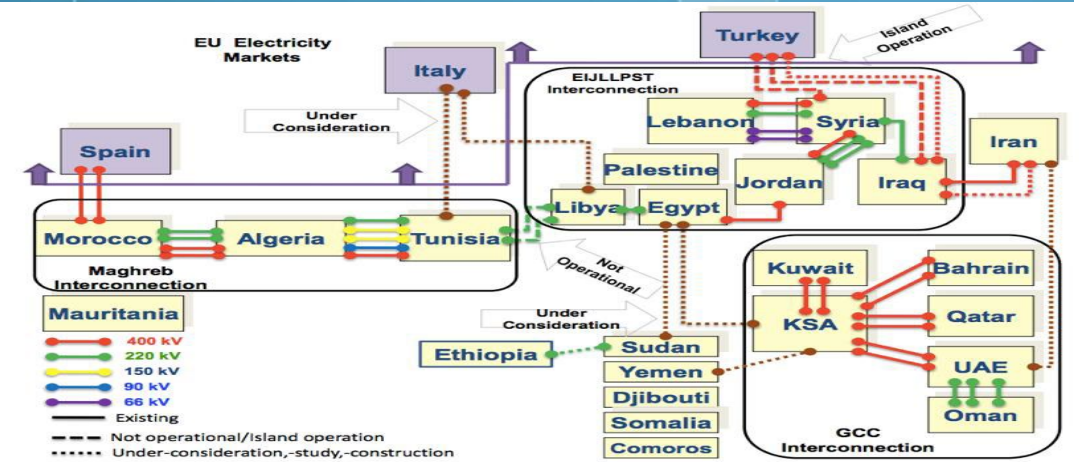
Oman–India transmission 2300 km, of , 1000 km across sea, while the maximum depth 3500 m.

For a 3000 MW GCC-India interconnection via sub-sea cable is estimated to be **3.5 billion US \$**

GCC grid plans to connect with **PAEM- Pan-Arab Electricity Market, Maghreb, Mashreq (EIJLLPST)**

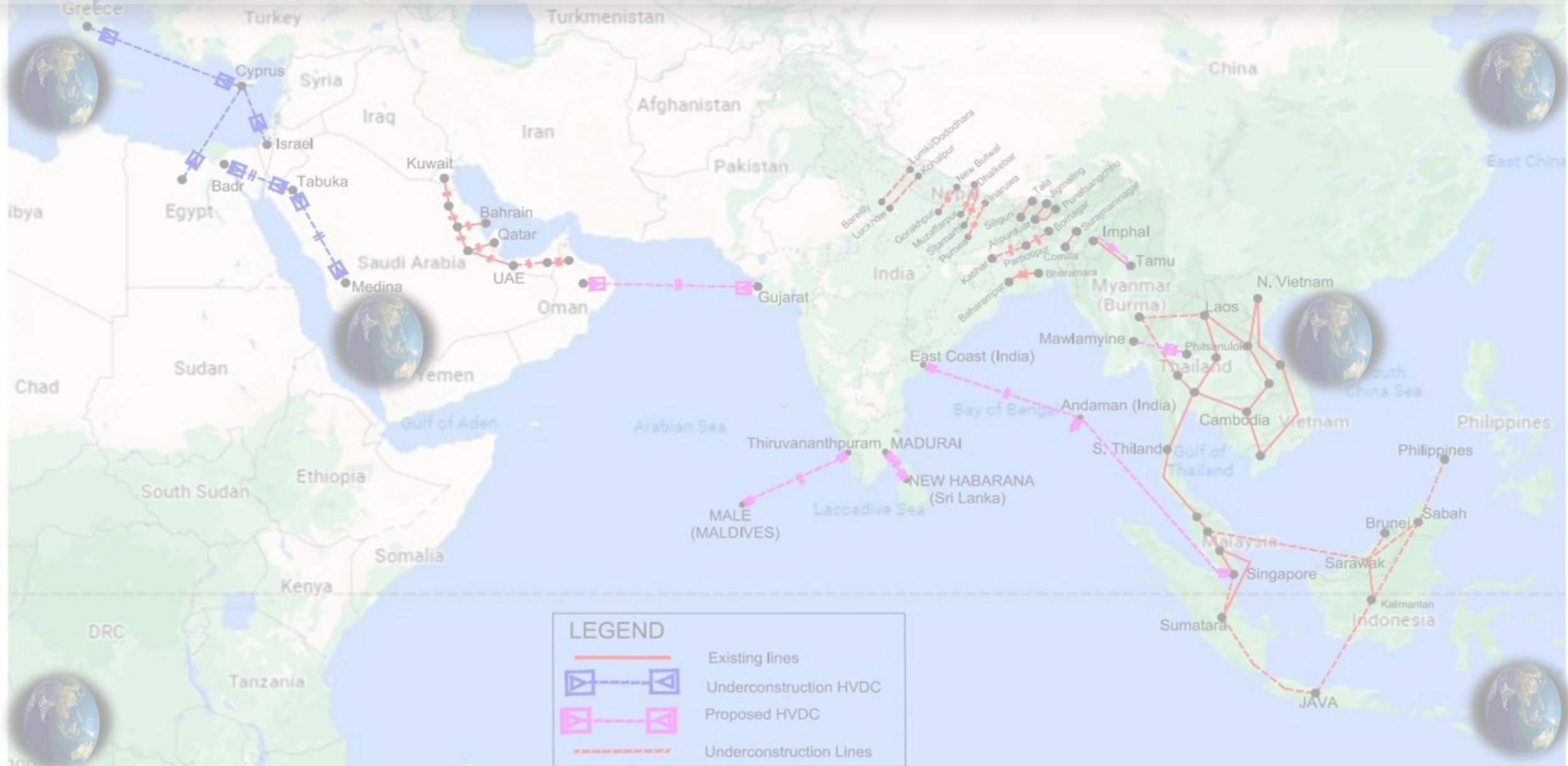
**A solar park in Egypt can sell excess green peaking power to India (given the 3.5-hour time difference)**

Source : Inter-Continental Grid by Pratik Agarwal



*Time Zone Variation, Reserve Sharing , Resource Complementarity, Diversity of Peak Demand, Optimum Utilization of Solar RE Resources and Increased Reach to Additional Large Markets*

# Prospects of Trans-Regional Interconnection- *Solar Diversity, Sun Never Sets*



LEGEND	
	Existing lines
	Underconstruction HVDC
	Proposed HVDC
	Underconstruction Lines

Source : Courtesy : Transnational Grid Connections for Ensuring Energy Security , CTU Presentation, POSOCO Presentation, Various Statement by PIB (MOP), India on OSOWOG, POSOCO Presentation , MOP , Annual Report, SAREP Workshop on Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Cross Border Electricity Trade (CBET) on Colombo, Sri Lanka, on October 12 and 13, 2023 , South Asia (BBIN) Power Summit 2023 , Joint Statement, Visit of Prime Minister to the United Arab Emirates (February 13-14, 2024) , Various News Article on OSOWOG, Roundtable on 'Interconnection of Regional Grids in Asia – Cross Border Electricity Trade Across Regions', at India Smart Utility Week (ISUW) 2023, organized by USAID and European Union.



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**Study on International Best Practice for Developing Cross-Border Electricity Transmission Infrastructure : *Study Rationale, Scope, Approach & Methodology***

## Rationale for the Study

Considering that multiple cross border lines are under planning and/or construction phase in the South Asia region, a **consolidated study report based on International Best Practice on the available options for business model, project structuring, cost sharing, benefit sharing, risk allocation etc.** which may facilitate **faster decision making** among regional participants and help in **investment mobilization of cross border transmission interconnection** and also help in **trans-regional interconnection being worked upon under OSOWOG**

Sl. No.	Key Cross Border transmission lines in South Asia (BBIN) Region	Investment Made by the Entity for		Investment Recovery by the entity of	
		Indian Portion	Neighboring Country	Indian portion	Neighboring Country
1	Muzaffarpur - Dhalkebar 400kV D/c line	JV of PGCIL, SJVN, IL&FS & NEA	JV of NEA, PGCIL and others	NEA	NEA
2	Kataiyya - Kusaha 132kV S/c on D/c line & Raxaul-Parwanipur 132kV S/c on D/c line	Grant from Gol	Grant from Gol	-	-
3	Butwal - Gorakhpur 400kV D/c (Q) line	JV of PGCIL and NEA	NEA	NEA	NEA
4	Dhalkebar– Sitamarhi 400 kV D/c (Quad) line	SAPDC	SAPDC	SAPDC	SAPDC
5	Baharampur - Bheramara 2xD/c	PGCIL	PGCB	BPDP	BPDP
6	Surajmaninagar - Comilla 400kV line (Op. 132kV)	PGCIL	PGCB	BPDP	BPDP
7	Tala - Siliguri 400kV 2xD/c line	PGCIL	Tala HPA	Indian beneficiaries	Tala HPA
8	Chukha - Birpara 220kV (3 circuits)	PGCIL	Chukha HPA	Indian beneficiaries	Chukha HPA
9	Deothang - Rangia 132kV S/c line	Grant from India (Gol)	Grant from Gol	-	-
10	Punatsangchu - Alipurduar 400kV D/c (Q) line	PGCIL	Punatsangchu HPA	Indian beneficiaries	Punatsangchu HPA
11	Jigmeling - Alipurduar 400kV D/c (Q) line	PGCIL	Mangdechu HPA	Indian beneficiaries	Mangdechu HPA
12	Moreh - Tamu 33kV line	Grant from India (Gol)	Grant from Gol	-	-

Note: HPA-Hydro Power Authorities, Gol, Government of India, SAPDC-SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company Pvt. Ltd.

Source: Compiled from various Sources, CTU's Presentation, PGCIL, ISTS Rolling Plan (2028-29) – Interim Report and CEA's Draft NTP

South Asia would spend **29 billion US\$** for planned inter-grid connection by 2040\*. Except in case of 400 kV Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur line, & dedicated transmission line of Godda thermal power, conventional Government owned model have been tried out & preferred for CB lines.

\* World Bank, \*\* IFC, BIMSTEC Energy Outlook 2035\*\*\*

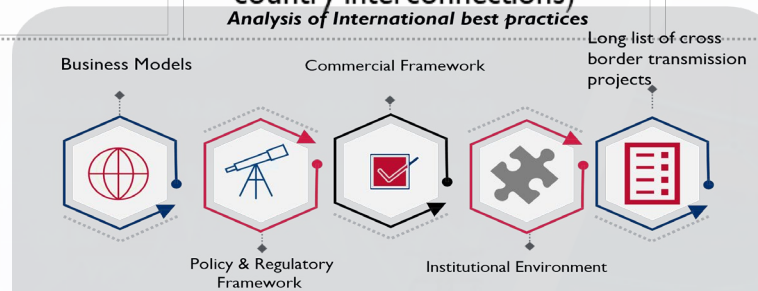


# Study on International Best Practice for Developing Cross-Border Electricity Transmission Infrastructure : Summarised Scope of Work, Approach & Methodology

## A. REVIEW

## B. DEVELOP

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	<b>Review &amp; Analysis</b>	<b>Contextual Assessment</b>	<b>Case Studies</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Report</b>
<b>Target</b>	In depth review & analysis of CBET infrastructure development ecosystems	Contextual analysis of cross-border electricity transmission infrastructure projects	Detailed case studies from inception of projects till execution and operation	Stakeholder workshop	Report on international best practices on financial models for developing CBET infrastructure
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business and financing model</li> <li>• Investment entity structuring</li> <li>• Ownership, financing mechanism</li> <li>• Risk management</li> <li>• Funding source</li> <li>• Contractual design &amp; arrangements</li> <li>• Role of regional markets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Governments in development</li> <li>• Project Planning Procedure &amp; implementation approval</li> <li>• Social economic analysis</li> <li>• Payment Security Mechanism</li> <li>• Dispute Resolution Mechanism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• ASEAN</li> <li>• North America</li> <li>• Australia</li> <li>• Gulf and Arab Region</li> <li>• European Union</li> <li>• Central Asia</li> <li>• South Asia (existing cross-country interconnections)</li> </ul> <p><i>Analysis of International best practices</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop with key stakeholders from all the regions</li> <li>• Summary proceeding of key findings and suggestions</li> <li>• Draft report on international best practices on business and financial models</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key lessons learned</li> <li>• Recommendations for South Asia</li> <li>• Summary for Policy makers</li> </ul>



# Study on International Best Practice for Developing Cross-Border Electricity Transmission Infrastructure : *Approach & Methodology*

## Typical Business Models for CBET Interconnections



### Public/Govt. ownership

Owned by Government or a Government owned/controlled entity

Across the globe



### Independent Power Transmission / Concessions

Line developed by a private entity under a Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) or similar model of concession arrangement. Sometimes, the entity may also be a JV with some amount of Govt. ownership also.

Across the globe



### Merchant Power Transmission

Line developed without any long-term revenue assurance through long term contracts – Relies on short term markets and anchor customers for revenue generation.

USA, Australia etc.  
Example – Basslink in Australia



### Financial ownership

While line will be developed, constructed and operated by a state-owned transmission/system operator, a private entity to have partial ownership stake, and resulting dividend/share on profits.

Europe, Africa etc.  
Example – Denmark Germany interconnection



### Dedicated transmission line

Dedicated line for evacuation from a power plant, typically operated by entity owning the plant also. Cost towards transmission is typically bundled within the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) price.

Across the globe

The CBET line ownership also have a geographic element to it – Whether there is separate legal entity and ownership for infrastructure in each of the countries through which the line passes, or whether there is a single entity that has ownership of the entire infrastructure.

Based on Literature Survey, typical business model identified and were categorized into five models, accordingly a list of Cross border interconnection across the globe were drawn upon while maintaining the diversity across business models and regional presence



# Study Approach & Methodology : A long list of nearly 30 projects were analyzed to create shortlist for case study



## Public/Govt. ownership

- **500 kV HVDC Ethiopia- Kenya Power interconnection**
  - **500 kV HVDC NEMO link (UK – Belgium)**
  - **400 kV HVAC GCC Interconnector**
  - **400 kV HVAC MOTRACO**
  - 220 kV HVAC Egypt Sudan Interconnector
  - 330 kV HVAC Nigeria Benin Interconnector
  - 330 kV HVDC Zambia Namibia (Caprivi) Interconnector
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- 220 kV HVAC Egypt Libya Interconnection
  - 400 kV HVAC Egypt Jordan Interconnection
  - 500 kV HVAC Uzbekistan-Kyrgyzstan Interconnection
  - 320 kV HVDC COBRACable (COpenhagen-BRussels-Amsterdam)
  - 515 kV HVDC Northsea Link (Norway - UK)
  - 230 kV HVAC Colombia Ecuador line
  - 400 kV HVAC Mexico Guatemala interconnection
  - 500 kV HVAC Manitoba–Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP)



## Independent Power Transmission / Concessions

- **115 kV HVAC Cambodia Thailand interconnection**
  - **500 kV HVDC Garabi Interconnector (Argentina – Brazil)**
  - **230 kV HVAC Central American Interconnection (SIEPAC)**
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- 320 kV HVDC Eleclink (France-UK)
  - 220 kV HVAC Zambia - DRC interconnector line (Copperbelt)
  - Lines of Mozambique Transmission Company (MOTRACO)
  - 450 kV HVDC BritNed
  - 450 kV HVDC NordNed



## Merchant Power Transmission

- **500 kV HVDC Basslink Interconnector (Australia)**
- **230 kV HVAC Montana Alberta Tie Line**



## Financial ownership

- 170 kV HVAC Kriegers Flak Denmark-Germany interconnection



## Dedicated transmission line

- 533 kV HVDC Cahora Bassa Interconenctor
- 500 kV HVAC Nam Theun 2 line to Thai border
- 600 kV HVDC Itaipu (Paraguay Brazil)



In addition to the Literature Survey and Analysis of Available information ,Virtual Interaction were also Conducted wherever possible



RECOMMENDATION

ARTISE

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**Study on International Best Practice for Developing Cross-Border Electricity Transmission Infrastructure : *Expectation and Way Forward***

# Expectation from the Workshop and Way Forward

## Summarized Scope Of Work

**Task 1: Review and analysis of the different cross-border transmission infrastructure development ecosystems**

- C1** Carry out a comprehensive review and in-depth review and analysis of different CBET infrastructure
- C2** Review of similarities/commonalities and differences amongst the models, benefits etc.
- C3** Review of examples covering key regions of the globe
- C4** Virtual meetings/interactions

**Task 2: Gap analysis and interim report**

- C5** Draft interim report on international best practices on business and financial models

**Task 3: Conduct stakeholder workshops to discuss draft findings**

- C6** Conduct stakeholder workshop to present the key findings and seek comments
- C7** Draft report on international practices on business & financial models for developing CBET infrastructure

## Way Forward

**Task 4: Finalization of report and key findings**

- C8** Final report on international practices on financial models for developing CBET infrastructure, key lessons learned , recommendations suggested options for South Asia.
- C9** Based on the final report, prepare a summary for policymakers

## Stakeholder and International Experts in the Workshop





# Thank You



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Change is inevitable, but  
transformation is a choice.

HEATHER ASH AMARA

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“It always seems  
impossible until  
it's done.”

- Nelson Mandela

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# Cross border interconnections in South Asia

CBET lines at 132 KV and above in BBIN region

