



Development Partners' Meeting: Clean Energy Transition in South Asia

(Launch of the Working Groups)

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

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

9:30 AM to 2:00 PM IST

Venue: **Grand Ballroom, Leela Palace, New Delhi** ([Entry from Gate no. 4](#))

Background:

This Development Partners meeting is an effort by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under its flagship program, the South Asia Regional Energy Partnership (SAREP) to coordinate development partners' efforts, act as a force multiplier, and accelerate key components of the clean energy transition in South Asia. The meeting will launch seven working groups formed during the last coordination meeting held in January.

USAID's SAREP works on regional energy grid and market integration, renewable energy, advanced energy systems and utility modernization, and private sector participation and engagement in six countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. SAREP strengthens regional systems and processes, in line with the economic and energy-security priorities of these countries.

Objectives:

The primary objective of this meeting is to introduce and discuss the terms of reference and expectations for the working groups, as well as facilitate the first meeting of the groups. The working groups are designed to coordinate and synergize efforts around key issues in order to accelerate progress.

The indicative agenda includes context setting; launch of the seven working groups, terms of reference, and expectations; keynote address by the U.S. Ambassador to India; breakout sessions and action points of each working group; and discussion and agreement on a way forward. We eagerly anticipate the active engagement and involvement of all working group members to share their valuable insights and inputs, thereby advancing the clean energy transition. We look forward to your involvement in shaping the future of clean energy in South Asia.



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Time (IST)	Session
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Welcome and Context Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anjali Kaur, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, USAID
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassador Eric Garcetti, U.S. Ambassador to India
10:20 AM – 10:50 AM	Press Briefing (in the Royal Ballroom) for Ambassador Garcetti and Anjali Kaur
10:20 AM- 11:50 AM	Breakout sessions – Seven Working Groups (Grand Ballroom and meeting rooms in the Business Centre) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable Energy (<u>Meeting Room 4, First floor</u>) Electricity Distribution (<u>Grand Ballroom</u>) Net Zero and Energy Efficiency (<u>Chairman’s Board Room, First floor</u>) e-Mobility and Green Hydrogen (<u>Grand Ballroom</u>) Financing Mechanisms (<u>Grand Ballroom</u>) Just Transition (<u>Grand Ballroom</u>) Cross-Border Electricity Trade (<u>Meeting Room 3, First floor</u>)
11:50 AM – 1:00 PM	Sharing action points by each working group (Grand Ballroom) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Discussions
1 PM – 1:10 PM	Vote of Thanks, and Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Harrity, Acting Deputy Mission Director, USAID/India
1:10 PM- 2:00 PM	Networking Lunch