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Regional Workshop on  
**Transforming Cross Border Electricity Trade and  
Regional Electricity Market for an Energy Secure South Asia**

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# Key Takeaways of the Workshop





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- Clean Energy Transition is possible ONLY with regional energy cooperation and sub-regional energy partnerships.
- Energy cooperation and cross border electricity trade (CBET) is an attractive economical proposition in South Asia to utilize untapped renewable energy sources and enhancing energy security
- CBET dependency provides better energy security compared to fossil import Dependencies.
- There is a need to develop a Common South Asia regional power pool and a regional electricity trading platform for South Asia.
- Additional cross border transmission interconnection has to be built to fully realise cross border electricity trade potential and regional power market



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- Private sector can play a crucial role in bringing innovation and transformation in CBET and Regional Electricity Market
- Regulatory Harmonisation, Administrative approval , investment facilitation is needed for truly realising the cross-border energy trade potential.
- There is a need for regional forum for system planners and transmission utilities for coordinating power system planning and system operation as well as sharing knowledge and building capacities.
- There is a need for Inter Country and Intra Country simplification of procedures, approvals for rapidly advancing the CBET and creation of Regional Power Market
- A truly Integrated and regional cross border planning approach is critical to fully develop cross border transmission networks.



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- There is a need for developing common modalities and financial modalities for developing cross border electricity transmission in south Asia.
- Region needs to initiate Trilateral and Multilateral Power trade for which frameworks have to be developed.
- Building and strengthening regional institutions will be crucial for building consensus across stakeholders
- Bhutan and Nepal's experiences on trading power through Power Exchange of India, provides lessons for Bangladesh to also consider entering Indian power exchange as a pilot.
- There is need for developing a long term perspective and planning for fully utilizing entire hydropower potential in the Himalayan region - For regions' climate goals and to manage grid intermittency.



# 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

