

CLOSING SESSION

FORGING THE PATH FORWARD: SUSTAINING CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN SOUTH ASIA

Background

As the South Asia Clean Energy Forum (SACEF) 2024 draws to a close, the region's commitment to clean energy transition has been highlighted through engaging discussions, prioritizing short and long-term solutions such as commitments from partners for the Low Carbon Comfort and Cooling Coalition, and committing to actions to achieve clean energy goals, such as facilitation of investment, implementation support and deployment. Over the past few days, participants have explored opportunities for regional energy cooperation, innovative financing mechanisms, and technological advancements, all aimed at addressing the challenges of clean energy adoption across South Asia.

The forum has provided a valuable platform for governments, private sector leaders, development partners, and technical experts to come together and chart a path forward. The discussions have underscored the urgency of transitioning from fossil fuels to clean energy solutions and the need for long-term, sustained efforts to achieve energy security, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

The closing session will highlight key takeaways from the forum and provide a forward-looking perspective on how the momentum generated during SACEF 2024 can be sustained and translated into concrete actions. Representatives from Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka will share their reflections, which will serve as both a summary of SACEF 2024 and a call to action for participants to continue driving clean energy transitions in the region.

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2024
TIME: 17:00 - 17:45

Session Objectives

- Announce and present outcomes from the forum, including successes like new partnerships, agreements, and challenges addressed through collaboration.
- Outline next steps and actions, focusing on scaling initiatives and partnerships formed during SACEF to achieve regional energy goals.

Agenda

16:45 - 16:50	<p>Opening Remarks by Steve Olive, Mission Director, USAID/India</p>
16:50 - 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the Python based Power Exchange Transaction Module (PPTM) • Release of Sustainable Transport Roadmap for Bhutan
17:00 - 17:05	<p>Reflections of SACEF 2024 – Video Presentation</p>
17:05 – 17:40	<p>Panel: Reflections and Announcements</p> <p>Moderator: Apurva Chaturvedi, Senior Regional Clean Energy Specialist, Indo Pacific Office, USAID/India</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dasho Karma Tshering, Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MoENR), Government of Bhutan • Dasho Phuntsho Tobgay, Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MOIT), Government of Bhutan • Mariyam Shahana, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Government of Maldives • Suresh Acharya, Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation (MoWERI), Government of Nepal • A K N Wickramasinghe, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power & Energy, Government of Sri Lanka • India announcements by Apurva Chaturvedi, Senior Regional Clean Energy Specialist, Indo-Pacific Office (IPO) USAID/ India
17:40 – 17:45	<p>Vote of Thanks by Aaron Schubert, Director, Indo-Pacific Office, USAID India</p>

