



Workshop

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09.00 – 9.30Hrs	Registration	
09.30 – 10.45Hrs	Inaugural Session-1	
09.30 – 09.40Hrs	Welcome Address by Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), India	
09.40 – 09.50Hrs	Introductory Address by Mr. Mark Newton, Director (Acting), Clean Energy & Environment Office, US Agency for International Development (USAID), India	
09.50 – 10.00Hrs	Address by Mr. Samdrup Thinley, Chairperson, South Asia Forum of Infrastructure Regulations (SAFIR) / CEO, Bhutan Electricity Authority (BEA)	
10.00 – 10.15Hrs	Address by Shri Pradeep Kumar Pujari, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India	
10.15 – 10.35Hrs	Address by Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), India	
10.35 – 10.45Hrs	Vote of thanks by Ms. Shubha Sarma, Secretary, CERC, India	
10.45 – 11.15Hrs	Group photograph followed by tea	
11.15-13.00Hrs	Session-2: Key Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Sustainable Development of Power Sector and Enhancement of Electricity Trade in the South Asian Region: Country Presentations	
	<p>The eight South Asian (SA) nations (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) collectively account for over one-fifth of the world's population, and the region is one of the fastest growing in the world, with an average annual growth rate of 6% as measured by GDP per capita. The power sectors of the SA nations are at different stages of evolution in Policy, Regulatory frameworks. On cross border trade front, at present, limited bilateral cross-border electricity trade (CBET) is underway between Bangladesh-India (500 MW), Bhutan-India (1416 MW), and Nepal-India (150 MW), though the total potential for CBET is immense. This calls for the need for an enabling and coordinated regulatory and policy frameworks among the SA countries which will be the key to the sustainable development of regional energy resources and enhancement of Cross-Border Electricity Trade thereby ensuring a robust socio-economic development of the region. In the above context current policy/regulatory frameworks will be deliberated in this session and will focus on each country's perspective on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key Policy and Regulations Governing Power Sector in South Asian Countries. ● Key Policy/Regulatory Issues and challenges being faced. ● Need of enabling/coordinated Policy and Regulation for Development of Power Sector and Enhancement of CBET. ● Road Map for Development of Coordinated policy and regulatory frameworks. 	
11.15-11.20Hrs.	Opening Remarks by Session Chair	Mr. Ajay Shankar, Ex. Secretary, GOI
11.20-11.30Hrs	Session Theme Presentation on Regional Regulatory Guidelines.	Mr. V.K. Kharbanda, Project Director, SARI/EI/IRADe
11.30-12.40Hrs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bhutan: Mr. Karma P Dorji, Chief Engineer, Dept. of Hydropower & Power Systems, Ministry of Economic Affairs 2. India: Dr. S.K. Chatterjee, Joint Chief (Regulatory Affairs), CERC 3. Nepal: Mr. Sher Singh Bhat, Deputy MD, Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) 4. Sri Lanka: Mr. Damitha Kumarasinghe, Director General, Public Utilities Commission (PUCSL) 	
12.40-12.55Hrs	Open Discussion	
12.55-13.00Hrs	Closing Remarks by Session co-Chair, Mr. A.S. Bakshi, Member, CERC	
13.00-14.00Hrs	Lunch	



14.00-16.30Hrs	Session-3: International Experiences in Power Market Development and Cross Border Electricity Trade : Lesson Learned from Emerging and Developed Markets	
14.00-14.10Hrs	Opening Remarks by Session Chair	Shri Rakesh Nath, Ex-Member, APTEL
14.10-14.20Hrs	Session Theme Presentation	Mr. S.K. Ray, Technical Specialist, SARI/EI/IRADe
<p>This session will present a short overview and lesson learned from the Power Market Development in other region of the world both from the Emerging and Developed Markets and session will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process of Evolution of competitive domestic and regional power markets and Regional Energy Cooperation. • Organizational, governance and institutional arrangements for development power markets and roles/responsibilities. • Challenges and Learning from the operational aspects of power trading for development competitive regional power market. • Learning from Techniques practiced for cross border transmission allocation, electricity market operation, managing electricity markets, managing transmission system congestion, power trading strategies, pricing mechanisms, open access tariff structures, etc. 		
14.30-16.00Hrs	Presentations on International experiences <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greater Mekong Sub region Power Market: Dr. Priyantha Wijayatunga, Principal Energy Specialist, Asia Development Bank. 2. PJM Energy Market: Dr. Frank A Felder, Director, Center for Energy, Economic & Environmental Policy, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, USA 3. South African Power Pool (SAPP): Mr. Musara Beta, Chief Market Analyst, South African Power Pool 4. Indian Power Market: Mr. S.K. Soonee, Chief Executive Officer, Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO) 	
16.00-16.15Hrs	Open Discussion	
16.15-16.20Hrs	Closing Remarks by Session Co-Chair Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe	
16.20-16.35Hrs	Tea Break	
16.35-17.15Hrs	Panel Discussion: Way Forward for Sustainable Development of Power Sector and Enhancement of Electricity Trade in the South Asian Region	
16.35-16.45Hrs	Opening Remark by the Session Chair: Dr. Kirit Parikh, Chairman, IRADe, India	
16.45-17.15Hrs	Remarks by Panelists (5 Minutes Each) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Samdrup Thinley, Chairperson, SAFIR / CEO, BEA, Bhutan 2. Mr. A.R. Khan, Chairperson, BERC, Bangladesh 3. Mr. Ajay Shankar, Ex. Secretary, GOI 4. Mr. Saliya Mathew, Chairman, PUCSL, Sri Lanka 	
17.15-17.30Hrs	Vote of thanks by SARI/EI/IRADe	
18.30 Hrs onwards	Dinner	
End of the Workshop		

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