



IRADe to provide Technical and Knowledge support/assistance to SAFIR Working Group under USAID's SARI/EI Program

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Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration (SARI/EI) program has been identified by South Asia Forum For Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR) to provide Technical and Knowledge support/assistance to SAFIR Working Group on "Regulatory Cooperation to Facilitate Knowledge sharing, addressing Cross cutting Energy/Electricity Regulatory Issues and Capacity Building in South Asia". IRADe is the implementing partner of USAID's SARI/EI program, aims to advance regional energy integration and Cross-Border Electricity Trade (CBET) in the South Asian Countries (SACs).

The SAFIR Working Group will work towards enhancing Regulatory Cooperation to facilitate knowledge sharing, addressing Cross cutting Energy/Electricity Regulatory Issues and Capacity Building in South Asia (SA) to facilitate transparent regulatory framework, promoting investment in the SA Region. The Terms of Reference/Scope of Work¹ of the SAFIR Working group in brief is as follows:

- ✓ To facilitate regulatory capacity building among member countries at both national and regional levels through information knowledge sharing and skills training.
- ✓ To facilitate the development of electricity/energy regulations by identifying and addressing cross cutting energy/electricity regulatory issues for advancing Exchange of Electricity/Energy in SA region.
- ✓ To provide inputs on policy & regulations/regulatory opinions/regulatory guidelines and to develop model regulations.
- ✓ To undertake research work on issues relevant to electricity /energy sector regulation through in-house/outsourcing.
- ✓ Prepare a detailed road map along with various regulatory interventions needed in SACs for effective energy cooperation in the region to prepare annual status report and updates on regulatory cooperation in the SA Region.
- ✓ Create data bank/knowledge repository on energy/electricity related issues.
- ✓ Prepare South Asia Energy/Electricity Regulatory Compendium.
- ✓ To develop web portal on "South Asia Energy/Electricity Knowledge Resource Database".
- ✓ SAFIR–Regulatory Monthly Newsletter to enhance regulatory knowledge sharing.
- ✓ Any other work assigned by SAFIR.

IRADe is an advanced research institute and a regional think tank and has done pioneering work in the area of Electricity/Energy exchange and Energy Cooperation (EC) in SACs. IRADe through SARI/EI program has been advocating on the need to institutionalize regulatory² coordination/harmonization to facilitate development of transparent energy/electricity regulatory³ framework for promoting investment in the SACs. The proposal/idea of creating a working group under SAFIR was proposed by SARI/EI/IRADe to the SAFIR steering committee based on the recommendations of the SARI/EI study⁴ on "Regional Energy/Electricity Regulatory Institutional Mechanism in South Asia: South Asia Forum of Electricity/Energy Regulators (SAFER)".

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1 <https://sari-energy.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Terms-of-Reference-SAFIR-Working-Group-Regulatory-Cooperation-to-Facilitate-addressing-Cross-Cutting-Energy-Electricity-Regulatory-Issues-Capacity-Building-in-South-Asia-RP-SARI-EI-IRADe.pdf>

2 <https://sari-energy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/IRADe-SARI-EI-Regional-Regulatory-Guidelines-July-2015-.pdf>

3 <http://www.irade.org/Need%20to%20institutionalize%20cross%20border%20border%20Electricity%20Trade%20in%20South%20Asia%20by%20V.K.Kharbanda%20and%20Rajiv%20Ratna%20Panda-Infraline%20Plus.pdf>

4 <https://sari-energy.org/publications-list/report-on-regional-energyelectricity-regulatory-institutional-mechanism-in-south-asia-south-asia-forum-of-electricityenergy-regulators-safer/>