



South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration (SARI/EI)

6th Project Steering Committee Meeting

Gregory Hall, Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo, Sri Lanka

8th and 9th, March, 2018

Agenda

Day-1 (8th March, 2018)

10.00-10.30 Hrs	Inaugural Session - 1
10.00-10.30 Hrs	<p>Introduction of the members</p> <p>Welcome Address by Dr. Kirit Parikh, Chairman, IRADe and Chairman of the PSC</p> <p>Introductory Address by Mr. Michael Satin, Regional Program Director, USAID, India</p> <p>Key Note Address by Dr. B.M.S Batagoda, Secretary, Ministry of power & Renewable Energy, Govt. of Sri-Lanka</p> <p>Vote of thanks by Mr. V.K.Kharbanda, Project Director, SARI/EI IRADe</p>
10.30-10.50 Hrs	Group Photograph and Tea
10.50-13.00 Hrs	Session - 2: SARI/EI's Progress and Achievements since 2012
10.50 -12.10 Hrs	<p>Presentation followed by discussions by V.K Kharbanda, Project Director, SARI/EI IRADe & Rajiv Ratna Panda, Program Coordinator, SARI/EI/IRADe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress on CBET in South Asia Since 2012 and brief overview of South Asia Power Sector. ▪ Key findings/recommendations of all the analysis undertaken by three task forces (Regional Regulatory Guidelines, Suggested Changes/Amendments in Laws, Regulation, Policies, Trading Potential, Harmonization of Grid Codes, SAFER, Potential for power trade in western part of South Asia (SA), BIMSTEC Energy Outlook, open access, trading license, Regional Investment framework etc.) during the last five years including Think Tank Forum activities. ▪ Key Achievements and Impacts of SARI/EI. ▪ Successful efforts made for implementation of Task Force Recommendations ▪ Work Plan for 2018 and strategy for development of Integrated Road Map, Exit Conference ▪ Way forward followed by discussions.
12.10 -12. 30Hrs	Presentation on Key findings and results of the Mock Exercise of SARPEX by S.K Ray, Technical Specialist, SARI/EI IRADe.
12:30-12.50 Hrs	Presentation on Results of the analytical study on "Economic Benefits from Nepal–India-Bangladesh Electricity Trade" by Dr. Kirit Parikh, Chairman, IRADe
12:50-13.00 Hrs	Open Discussions
13.00-14.00Hrs	Lunch



14.00- 14.45 Hrs	Session 3: Other regional energy projects in SA under the SARI/EI platform.
14.00- 14.35 Hrs	Presentation on Key findings of the Regional Energy Project in South Asia focused on Renewable energy development, power system modelling, and loss of load events by Mr. David Palchak, Energy Systems Engineer, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).
14.35- 14.45 Hrs	Open Discussion
14.45-15.05 Hrs	Tea
15.05- 16.30 Hrs	Session- 4: Brain Storming session on Sharing views by members on 1) Country perspective on CBET 2) implementation of task force recommendations 3) Role played by SARI/EI 4) suggestion/ideas for future Strategy beyond 2018 5) Sustainability and Exit Strategy
15.05- 16.30 Hrs	Discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharing of perspective on CBET by members (5-7 minutes each) ▪ Strategies for Implementing the SARI/EI Task Force Recommendations beyond 2018. ▪ Implementing the Articles of SAARC Framework agreement on energy (electricity Cooperation) ▪ Discussion on Institutionalising the Process of CBET in South Asia Region. . ▪ Strategic partnership with other Regional Institutions such as BIMSTEC, BBIN, ASEAN etc. ▪ Suggestion/ideas for future Strategy beyond 2018 ▪ Program Sustainability and Exit Strategy
16.30-16.45 Hrs	Session-5 – Concluding Session
16.30-16.45 Hrs	Summary and way forward by V.K. Kharbanda, SARI/EI IRADe.
16.45-16.50 Hrs	Vote of thanks by Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy Manager, UASID, India.
16.50-17.15 Hrs	High Tea.
Day-2 (9th March, 2018)	
07.00 -07.30 Hrs	Participants to assemble at the Hotel Lobby
11.00 -17.00 Hrs	Technical Visit to Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited (LECO) to learn from the Success Story of LECO in Restoration of Power Supply after Sunami.