

Regional Conference
on
“Enhancing Energy Co-operation &
Integration in South Asia”

under
South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration
Desire Hall, Hotel Le Méridien, New Delhi
30th – 31st August 2018



Background:

Access to reliable, affordable, and cleaner energy is a high priority to facilitate economic development and improved welfare of the population in South Asia Region. South Asian Countries have vast diversity of energy resources, which are still under development, particularly hydro power, and renewable energy. With rapidly rising demand across all the South Asian Countries (SAC) and limited supply, there exists huge opportunities for the optimization of resources through interconnected power system for SAC. Presently around 2500 MW is being traded in the South Asia Region with the likelihood of electricity trade getting doubled by the end of year 2019-20. Increased energy cooperation among countries can bring economies of scale in investment, strengthen electricity sector financing capability, enhance competition, and improve sector efficiency. Regional energy cooperation offers an ideal platform for achieving sustainable growth through sharing of available natural energy resources in the South Asia Region.

USAID's South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration (SARI/EI) program has been working in the South Asia Region to promote energy cooperation and a regional power market since 2000. The fourth and the current phase of the program, implemented by Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), a leading think tank, was initiated in October 2012. The program aims to advance energy cooperation, regional energy integration and to promote Cross Border Electricity Trade (CBET). Over the years, we have done 70 events, published 20 reports and engaged more than 500 persons.

Purpose of the conference:

The Regional Conference on "Enhancing Energy Cooperation and Integration in South Asia" is a celebration of the work undertaken thus far under the SARI/EI program and an opportunity to bring relevant stakeholders on a common platform to discuss, deliberate and inform the roadmap towards an integrated South Asia. The conference aims to provide key take aways for different SA governments, inform strategy of donor agencies and pave the future of regional grid integration.

Distinguished Guests



Shri R K Singh
Hon'ble Minister of Power, GoI



Shri Suresh Prabhu
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce
and Industry, GoI



Kenneth I. Juster
Hon'ble U.S. Ambassador
to India



Agenda Outline:

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Day- 1 (30 th August, 2018)	
0945 – 1100 Hrs	Session-I: Inaugural Shri R K Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Power, Government of India and U.S. Ambassador to India, Honourable Kenneth I. Juster will inaugurate the Conference
1135 – 1300 Hrs	Session-II: Policies/, Regulations and Institutional Mechanisms for promoting Energy Cooperation & Cross Border Electricity Trade in South Asia
1400-1515 Hrs	Session-III: Investments in Infrastructure for Cross Border Projects: Catalyzing Private Investments and Mitigating risks
1530-1645 Hrs	Session-IV: Coordinated interconnection transmission planning and need for a Technical Institutional Mechanism in South Asia for secure reliable Grid interconnection
1645-1800 Hrs	Session-V: Electricity Trade in BBIN region- Long term trading volume and uncertainties
Day- 2 (31 st August, 2018)	
0930-1100 Hrs	Session VI: South Asian Regional Power Market- Market Instruments and Regional Power Exchange
1100-1215 Hrs	Session VII: Linking South Asia with South-East Asia and Synergizing regional and Sub regional Initiatives for Energy Cooperation
1215-1330 Hrs	Session VIII: Role of Think Tanks in enabling conducive environment and consensus building for CBET in South Asia
1430-1545 Hrs	Session XI: Enhancing energy cooperation in pan South Asia: Future Strategies & Way forward"
1600-1700 Hrs	Session X: Valedictory Session Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy, MaryKay L. Carlson will deliver the valedictory addresses.

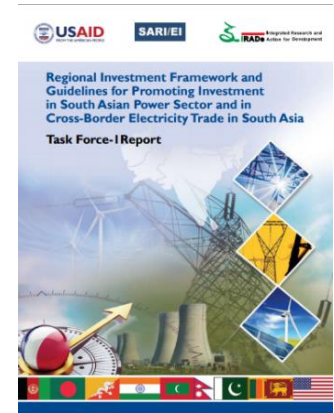
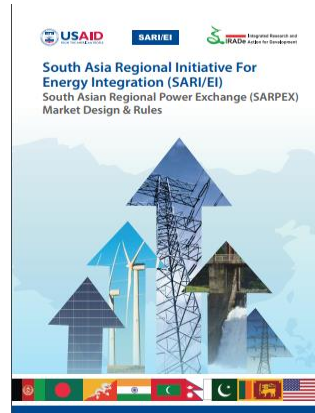
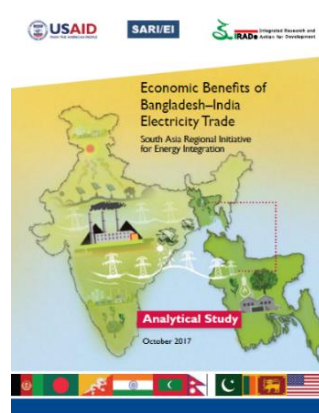
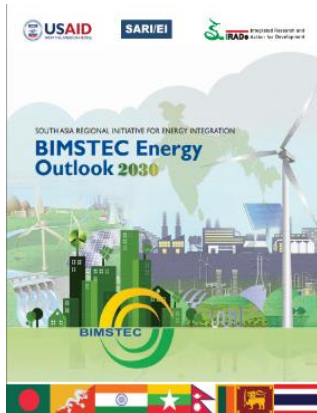
Speakers/Delegates Profile:

- ❖ South Asia Country Governments and SAARC representatives
- ❖ Planning authorities, Policy Making Bodies, Regulators
- ❖ Financial institutions and Multilateral Development Banks (MDB)
- ❖ Power sector institutions and companies
- ❖ Trade & Industry associations from South Asian Countries.
- ❖ Media Representatives, Corporate Leaders
- ❖ Private sector, Investors, Think Tanks, Economists
- ❖ International Development Agencies

There will be around 70 speakers from renowned organization across South Asia region, participating in the conference.



Key Publications/Events and Reports:



About SARI/EI

Over the past decade, USAID's South Asia Regional Initiative/Energy (SARI/E) has been advocating energy cooperation in South Asia via regional energy integration and cross border electricity trade in eight South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives). This fourth and the final phase, titled South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration (SARI/EI), was launched in 2012 and is implemented in partnership with Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) through a cooperative agreement with USAID. SARI/EI addresses policy, legal and regulatory issues related to cross border electricity trade in the region, promote transmission interconnections and works toward establishing a regional market exchange for electricity

About USAID

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About IRADe

IRADe is a fully autonomous advanced research institute, which aims to conduct research and policy analysis and connect various stakeholders including government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), corporations, and academic and financial institutions. Its research covers many areas such as energy and power systems, urban development, climate change and environment, poverty alleviation and gender, food security and agriculture, as well as the policies that affect these areas.

