

**South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration (SARI/EI)**  
**Looking Back to Move Forward: Celebrating 22 Years of Energy Cooperation & Integration in South Asia**  
**15-16 September 2022, Hotel Lalit, New Delhi**

AGENDA*	
Day 1: 15 September, Thursday	
<b>10:00 – 11:10</b>	<b>Inaugural Session Day 1</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:05</b>	Lamp Lighting Ceremony
<b>10:05 – 10:10</b>	Welcome Address <b>Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe</b>
<b>10:10 – 10:15</b>	A Brief History of SARI/EI <b>Ms. Sheila Hollis, Acting Executive Director, U.S. Energy Association</b> ( <i>pre-recorded</i> )
<b>10:15 – 10:20</b>	Setting the Context of the Conference <b>Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</b>
<b>10:20 – 10:25</b>	Presenting a Short Movie on SARI/EI
<b>10:25 – 10:35</b>	Special Address <b>Ms. Patricia Lacina, Charge d'Affaires, US Embassy, India</b>
<b>10:35 – 10:45</b>	Special Address <b>Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi, Minister of State, External Affairs, Government of India</b>
<b>10:45 – 11:05</b>	Keynote Address by Chief Guest <b>Shri Raj Kumar Singh, Union Minister, Power and New &amp; Renewable Energy, Government of India</b> ( <i>invited</i> )
<b>11:05 – 11:10</b>	Vote of Thanks <b>Mr. John Smith-Sreen, Indo-Pacific Office Director, USAID</b>
<b>11:10 – 11:40</b>	<b>Networking Tea/ Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:40 – 13:00</b>	<b>Technical Session 1</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:40</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Cross-Border Energy Trade (CBET) for Enabling Clean Energy Transition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drivers and Enablers</li> <li>● Regional Developments</li> <li>● Global perspective and case studies</li> <li>● Way Forward</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation :</b> Mr. V K Agrawal, Technical Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Shri. R V Shahi, Former Power Secretary and Chairman, South Asia Group on Energy (SAGE)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Chintan Shah, Director, Technical, IREDA (<i>Virtually</i>)</li> <li>● Dr. Jami Hossain, Vice President, WWEA &amp; Professor, TERI University</li> <li>● Mr. Chaminda Hettiarachchi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Sri Lanka</li> <li>● Mr. Sher Singh Bhatt, Vice Chairman, Nepal Energy Foundation</li> <li>● Dr. Kenneth Hansen, Technical Expert, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (embedded within CEA)</li> <li>● Mr. Clyde Loutan, Principal, Renewable Energy Integration, California Independent System Operator</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy Manager and Clean Energy Specialist, Indo-Pacific Office, USAID/India</p>
12:40 – 12:55	Open Discussion
12:55 – 13:00	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:15	<b>Technical Session 2</b>
14:00 – 14:55	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Power of Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information Flow</li> <li>● Role of Data</li> <li>● Cyber Security</li> <li>● Data Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Mr. Samir C. Saxena, Chief General Manager, POSOCO</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Kirit Parikh, Chairman, IRADe</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Jostein Dahl Karlsen, Managing Director Gas and Oil Technology Programme, IEA Global Innovation Network</li> <li>● Mr. V K Agrawal, Technical Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</li> <li>● Mr. Debasis Sahoo, Associate Vice President, Global Head of Energy Utility &amp; Services, Infosys Ltd (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> <li>● Mr. Anand Shankar, CGM, Information Security, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd</li> <li>● Mr. Kamlesh Ahuja, Lead Cyber Security, UL Standards &amp; Engagement (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Samir C. Saxena, Chief General Manager, POSOCO</p>
14:55 – 15:10	Open Discussion
15:10 – 15:15	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
15:15 – 15:45	<b>Networking Tea/ Coffee Break</b>
15:45 – 17:00	<b>Technical Session 3</b>

<b>15:45 – 16:40</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Theme: South Asian Regional Power Market– Enabling Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enabling Framework</li> <li>● Challenges and opportunities</li> <li>● Global perspective and case studies</li> <li>● Roadmap towards growth</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. S. R Narasimhan, CMD, POSOCO</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Craig Glazer, Vice President-Federal Government Policy, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. <i>(Virtual)</i></li> <li>● Mr. Rohit Bajaj, VP, Indian Energy Exchange <i>(Virtual)</i></li> <li>● Mr. Akhilesh Awasthi, CEO, Hindustan Exchange</li> <li>● Mr. Arun Kumar, Head, Short Term Marketing, PTC India Limited</li> <li>● Ms. Dechen Wangmo, Director - Corporate Affairs, DGPC, Bhutan <i>(Virtual)</i></li> <li>● Mr. Mziyanda Mbuseli, Market Surveillance Manager, Southern African Power Pool</li> <li>● Mr. Clyde Loutan, Principal, Renewable Energy Integration, California Independent System Operator</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</p>
<b>16:40 – 16:55</b>	Open Discussion
<b>16:55 – 17:00</b>	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
<b>17:00 – 17:10</b>	Summary of Day 1
<b>End of Day 1</b>	

<b>Day 2: 16 September, Friday</b>	
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Inaugural Session Day 2</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:05</b>	Lamp Lighting Ceremony
<b>10:05 – 10:10</b>	Welcome Address - <b>Ms. Veena Reddy, Mission Director, USAID/India</b> <i>(tentative)</i>
<b>10:10 – 10:15</b>	Brief of Day 1 & Context Setting <b>Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:35</b>	Keynote Address - <b>H.E. Doma Tshering - Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations (Pre-Recorded Speech)</b>
<b>10:35 – 10:55</b>	Address by Chief Guest – <b>Shri. Ajay Kumar Mishra, Minister of State, Home Affairs, Government of India</b>

10:55 – 11:00	Vote of Thanks – Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy Manager and Clean Energy Specialist, Indo-Pacific Office, USAID/India
11:00 – 11:30	Networking Tea/ Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Technical Session 4
11:30 – 12:40	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Theme: CBET – A Way Towards Energy Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drivers and Enablers for CBET</li> <li>● Sustainability frameworks</li> <li>● Regional Institutions and Forums</li> <li>● Global Experiences</li> <li>● Strategic and Policy Push</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation</b> Mr. V K Agrawal, Technical Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairman, CEA (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Mziyanda Mbuseli, Market Surveillance Manager, Southern African Power Pool</li> <li>● Mr. Beni Suryadi, Hub Fellow and the Manager of the Power, Fossil Fuel, Alternative Energy and Storage, ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE)</li> <li>● Mr. Deepak Amitabh, Chief Executive Officer - Power Sales, Adani Power</li> <li>● Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General, Power Cell, Ministry of Energy (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> <li>● Mr. Madhu Bhetuwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation (MOEWRI), Govt of Nepal (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> <li>● Mr. Erik Alhstrom, Senior Advisor Regional Coordination, ENTSO-E (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. S.K. Soonee, Former CEO, POSOCO</p>
12:40 – 12:55	Open Discussion
12:55 – 13:00	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
13:00 – 13:45	Networking Lunch
13:45 – 15:00	Technical Session 5
13:45 – 14:40	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Theme: What’s Next for the Energy Sector? Global Hot Topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advanced Technology in the Energy Sector</li> <li>● Hydrogen</li> <li>● Storage</li> <li>● Circular Economy</li> <li>● Just transition</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Mr. Sumedh Agarwal, Deputy Chief of Party, SAREP and Mr.</p>

	<p>Pramod Kumar Singh, Advance Energy Lead, SAREP</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. V K Sarasvat, Member, NITI Aayog (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. James Nelson, Director of Technology and Innovation, Arizona State University &amp; Consortium Member, USAID Advancing Modern Power Through Utility Partnerships (AmpUp) Program</li> <li>• Mr. Mohit Bhargava, CEO, NTPC – REL</li> <li>• Mr. Jan Clyncke, Managing Director, PV CYCLE (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. Beni Suryadi, Hub Fellow and the Manager of the Power, Fossil Fuel, Alternative Energy and Storage, ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE)</li> <li>• Mr. Prabhajit Kumar Sarkar, MD &amp; CEO, Power Exchange India Limited</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sarah Blanford, Deputy Program Director, Energy Utility Partnership Program, USEA</p>
14:40 – 14:55	Open Discussion
14:55 – 15:00	Closing Remarks by Session Chair
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Networking Tea/ Coffee Break</b>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Way Forward “CBET – The Next Big Thing”</b>
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Secretaries - BBINS (Virtual/in-person)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> - Shri. R V Shahi, Former Power Secretary and Chairman, South Asia Group on Energy (SAGE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Habibur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Bangladesh (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> <li>• Shri. Alok Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Power, India (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. Sushil Kumar Tiwari, Secretary (Energy), Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, NEA, Nepal - (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. M P D U K Mapa Pathirana, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Energy and Business Development, Sri Lanka (<i>Virtual</i>)</li> </ul>
16:30 – 16:40	Conference Summary/Wrap-up - <b>Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe</b>
16:40 – 16:45	Closing Remarks <b>Ms. Sarah Blanford, Deputy Program Director, Energy Utility Partnership Program, USEA</b>
16:45 – 16:50	Vote of Thanks <b>Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy Manager and Clean Energy Specialist, IPO, USAID/India</b>
<b>End of Day 2</b>	

\*Agenda is tentative and is subjected to change