

REGIONAL DIALOGUE

“CROSS BORDER ENERGY CO-OPERATION IN THE BAY OF BENGAL REGION”

FRIDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 2018 | MAGNOLIA HALL, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE,
 NEW DELHI

AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Session on “Political Economy Dimensions of Transboundary Cooperation in the Energy Sector”
	<p>As the countries in the BBIN/M Region move towards sustainable development, the energy needs would go up exponentially and energy security is therefore, bound to be a priority in the region. Many countries in the region do not have sufficient resources to meet their energy needs and thus, rely on imports which additionally need to be affordable in order to sustain the economic growth. This session will focus on the current energy scenario in the countries and the critical role of strategic actors in strengthening regional energy trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International • Jyoti K Parikh, Executive Director, Integrated Research and Action for Development • Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Program Manager, South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration, USAID • Krishna Hari Pushkar, Minister, Economic, Embassy of Nepal • Samdrup K. Thinley, Chief Executive Officer, Bhutan Electricity Authority • Rajat Nag, Former Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank, India
11:00 – 11:15	Tea Break

11:15 – 13:15	Panel Discussion on “Potential Benefits for Electricity Trade in BBIN Region”
	<p>In this session, representatives from Nepal & Bhutan would deliver presentation and share the insights obtained from the impact assessment study (mapping the benefits of CBET undertaken in Nepal and Bhutan). One of the major focuses in terms of understanding the potential benefits of CBET will be the socio-economic aspect of benefits associated to livelihoods and gender. Relevant experts would also be invited to present views as part of the session.</p> <p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geeta Gouri, Former Member, Competition Commission of India <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dikshya Singh, Research Officer, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (Nepal Case Study)• Arpit Tiwari, Senior Research Associate, CUTS International (Bhutan Case Study) <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pramod Deo, Former Chairman, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission• Duncan Overfield, Deputy Head, Asia Regional Team, Department for International Development• Nitya Nanda, Fellow, The Energy and Resource Institute• Simon Stolp, Lead Energy Specialist, The World Bank• Arup Kumar Misra, Director, Assam Science Technology & Environment Council
13:15 – 13:30	Closing Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rohit Magotra, Assistant Director, Integrated Research and Action for Development• Udai Singh Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
