

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON
TRANS-BOUNDARY COOPERATION IN THE
ENERGY SECTOR
-AFGHANISTAN-CENTRAL ASIA-INDIA-IRAN-PAKISTAN**

ISLAMABAD

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Accommodation for Participants**

Hotel Marriott, Kohinoor Hall
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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE (AS ON 08 MAY, 2014)

Day 0: May 21, 2014 (Wednesday)

	Arrival of participants
19h00 – 22h00	<p>Welcome Dinner</p> <p>Restaurant: Dynasty Restaurant</p> <p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philipp Kauppert, Resident Representative, FES Pakistan • Dr. Abid Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute • Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), India <p>Distinguished Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Cyrill Nunn, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Pakistan <p>Venue: Hotel Marriott, Aga Khan Road, Shalimar 5-PO Islamabad, Pakistan Tel.: 0092-51-2826121</p>

Day 1: May 22, 2014 (Thursday)

09h00 – 09h30	Registration
09h30 – 10h45	<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <p>Topic: Regional Cooperation In Global Prospective</p>
09h30 – 09h50	<p>Chair: Adil Khattak, CEO Attock Oil Refineries & Board of Governors, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan</p> <p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abid Q. Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan • Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), India

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philipp Kauppert, Resident Representative, FES Pakistan
09h50 – 10h20	<p>Distinguished Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. T. C. A. Raghavan, High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (tbc) • H.E. Abdul Basit, High Commissioner of Pakistan to India (tbc)
10h20 – 10h45	<p>Remarks by Chief Guest:</p> <p>Khurram Dastgir Khan, Federal Minister for Commerce, Government of Pakistan</p>
10h45 – 11h00	Refreshments
11h00 – 12h30	
<p>SESSION I: PANEL DISCUSSION ON EMERGING PATTERNS OF REGIONAL ENERGY TRADE AND ROLE OF MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS</p>	
<p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why regional energy trade is significant in current global perspective? • What are the emerging patterns of the regional energy trade? • What are the role and responsibility of multilateral institutions in the regional energy trade? • What are the main issues and challenges in the perspective of regional energy trade? 	
11h00 – 12h00	<p>Chair: H.E. T. C. A. Raghavan, High Commissioner of India to Pakistan (tbc)</p> <p><i>Inputs by participants max 10 min.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirit Shantilal Parikh, Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), India • Mohsin Khalid, Executive Director, ITC Logistics and Former Chairman Islamabad Electric Supply Company. (tbc) • Mohammad Alami Bayat, Senior Expert for Asia & Pacific, Ministry of Petroleum Iran • Farkhod Aminjonov, Deputy Director, Research Center for Chinese & Central Asian Studies, Kazakhstan

12h00 – 12h30	Floor Discussion
12h30 – 14h00	Lunch
<p>14h00 – 15h15</p> <p>SESSION II: PANEL DISCUSSION ON SHIFTING FROM BILATERALISM TO MULTILATERALISM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION?</p>	
<p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main multilateral issues related to energy trade in the region? • How multi-country approach can resolve such issues for the betterment of region? • Successful examples of the multilateral approach from other regions, if any? 	
14h00 – 14h45	<p>Chair: H.E Janan Mosazai, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to Pakistan (tbc)</p> <p><i>Inputs by max participants 10 min. each</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Idrees Khwaja, Associate Professor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan • Najeeb Azizi, Professor, Public Policy & Economics, Kabul University, Afghanistan • Werner Leipach, Country Director, Asian Development Bank, Pakistan Resident Mission.
14h45 – 15h15	Floor Discussion
15h15 – 15h30	Tea Break
<p>15h30 – 16h45</p> <p>SESSION III: PANEL DISCUSSION ON DOMESTIC REFORMS OF INSTITUTIONS FOR REGIONAL TRADE IN ENERGY</p>	
<p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International agreements affecting the regulatory reforms of a country? • Role and impact of domestic regulatory reforms in regional energy trade? • Common issues and challenges in the region to tackle regulatory barriers? • Possible measures and regulatory reforms to resolve regulatory barriers? 	

15h30 – 16h15	<p>Chair: Mr. Saeed Ahmed Khan, Chairman, Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority</p> <p><i>Inputs by participants max 10 min. each</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineer M. A. Jabbar, Chief Executive, Qaim Automotive Manufacturing, Pakistan • Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), India • Farkhod Aminjonov, Deputy Director, Research Center for Chinese & Central Asian Studies, Kazakhstan (tbc) • Dr. Ashafaque H. Khan, Professor Economics, National University of Science and Technology, NUST Business School (NBS). • Fraidoon Sekander, Director, Department of Development Economics, Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies (AISS), Afghanistan
16h15 – 16h45	Floor Discussion
16h45 – 17h00	CLOSING SESSION
16h45 – 17h00	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, SDPI, Pakistan • Sarah Hees, Regional Coordinator, FES India • Udai Singh Mehta, Director, CUTS International
18h30	Meeting in the lobby for departure to restaurant
19h00	<p>Farewell Dinner</p> <p>Restaurant: Polo Lounge, Saidpur Village (tbc)</p>