



# REGIONAL MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

FOR ASIA-PACIFIC LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
KATHMANDU, NEPAL | 22-23 MARCH 2017



## DRAFT MEETING PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

18:00 to 19:00 **REGISTRATION & NETWORKING**  
Radisson - Kathmandu

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

09:00 to 9:30 **REGISTRATION**

9:30 to 11:00 **OPENING SESSION**

**Chair:** Hon'ble Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha, Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

-  Hon'ble Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat, Foreign Minister, Government of Nepal
-  Hon'ble Mr. Janardan Sharma, Minister of Energy, Government of Nepal, (keynote address) (TBC)
-  Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General, UN-OHRLLS
-  Ms. Caitlin Wiesen-Antin, Chief, Regional Policy and Programme, UNDP Regional Hub
-  Mr. K.M. Abdus Salam, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Bangladesh, Representative of the Chair of the LDC group
-  H.E. Mrs. Rensje Teerink, Ambassador, European Union

*(open to media)*

11:00 - 11:30 **PRESS CONFERENCE**

11:30 to 13:00

## SESSION I: SETTING THE SCENE - SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INVESTMENT PLANS IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

*This session will discuss the main challenges in accessing finance for accelerating energy transition, scaling-up the current initiatives and the role of national sustainable energy investment prospectuses in energy transition.*

**Chair:** Hon. Dr. Arbind Kumar Mishra, Member, National Planning Commission of Nepal

### Presentations:

-  Mr. Abdul Alim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UN-OHRLLS
-  Mr. Phonekeo Daovong, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Lao PDR
-  Mr. Dinesh Ghimire, Joint Secretary Ministry of Energy, Nepal,
-  Ms. Siemai Patiale Apinelu, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Public Utilities & Infrastructure, Tuvalu,
-  Mr. Satchi Satchi, Chief Engineer, Department of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan
-  Multi-stakeholder Dialogue

13:00 to 14:30

## LUNCH hosted by National Planning Commission of Nepal

14:30 to 16:30

## SESSION II: FINANCING INITIATIVES AND BUSINESS PLANS THAT WORK

*The second session will explore what are the financing initiatives and business plans that have been successful in bringing transformation in the energy sector of LDCs or other developing countries. How can these initiatives be scaled up to achieve rapid energy transition will be also discussed.*

**Chair:** Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General, UN-OHRLLS

### Presentations:

-  Mr. Elmar Elbling, Senior Energy Access Specialist, Technical Advisor on Energy, Asian Development Bank
-  Mr. Dipal Chandra Barua, Founder & Chairman, Bright Green Energy Foundation (BGEF), President, Bangladesh Solar & Renewable Energy Association (BSREA) and Co-Founder Grameen Bank, Bangladesh
-  Mr. Hitendra Dev Shakya, Chief Planning, Nepal Electricity Authority
-  Ms. Rehana Riyawala, Vice President, SEWA
-  Mr. Satish Gautam, National Programme Manager, Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL)
-  Multi-stakeholder Dialogue

16:30 to 16:45

## NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

16:45 to 18:00

## BUSINESS TO BUSINESS DIALOGUE

*An informal dialogue on the experiences of private sector in developing sustainable energy projects. Focus on what financing mechanism and business models have proven to be effective in the countries where they are operating.*

**Chair** Hon. Dr. Swarnim Wagle, Member National Planning Commission of Nepal

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Munawar Moin, Managing Director, Rahimafrooz Renewable Energy
- Mr. André Rauwerda, Principal Consultant, DNV GL - Energy
- Ms. Sita Adhikari, Country Director, Empower Generation
- Mr. Dhungel Pashupati, Independent Power Producers' Association (tbc)
- Representative of CNI
- Representative of FNCCI

*(Open to media interaction)*

19:00 -

**Dinner hosted by the Foreign Secretary (By invitation only)**

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

9:00 to 10:45

**SESSION III - BENEFITTING FROM GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ENERGY INITIATIVES**

*This session will discuss how the least developed countries can get due benefit from the global and regional energy initiatives, including financing mechanisms, translating the ambitious targets of SDG 7 and Paris Climate Change Agreement. Partnering with private sector, support provided by international and regional finance institutions and leveraging ODA to effectively advance sustainable energy goals will be also debated in this session.*

**Chair:** Mr. Abdul Alim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UN-OHRLLS (tbc)

**Presentations:**

-  Ms. Parimita Mohanty, Asia-Pacific Regional coordinator, CTCN, UNEP
-  Mr. Rabin Shrestha, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank (tbc)
-  Mr. Bikash Sharma, ICIMOD (Himalaya-Hindukush Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (HCREEE) and update on the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres)
-  Mr. Ram Prasad Dhital, Chief, Alternating Energy Promotion Center, Nepal, (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiative (REEEI) launched during COP22)
-  Ms. Zhu Xuantong, Vice Director, Department of International Cooperation, National Energy Administration, China
-  Mr. Tetsunari Iida, Chairperson, Founder, Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies
-  Mr. Surendra Rajbhandari, Former Chief Planning, Nepal Electricity Authority
-  Multi-stakeholder Dialogue

10:45 to 11:00

**NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 to 13:00

**SESSION IV: PROJECT PREPARATION SKILLS**

*This session will review how to build a robust project pipeline needed to attract investment and how to enhance project preparation capacities to deploy financing models that encourage blended finance to attract more funds; private and public, domestic and international. What are the critical project preparation,*

*monitoring and evaluation skills needed and what is the role of project preparation facilities will be discussed in detail.*

**Chair:** Mr. Anup Kumar Upadhaya, Secretary Ministry of Energy, Nepal

### **Presentations**

-  Mr. Kulman Ghishing, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority
-  Mr. Geping Yao, CEO, Tibet Electric Power Company Limited (GEIDCO's member company) and Ms. Yanqiu Bi, Deputy director of the communication and cooperation division of Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation (GEIDCO)
-  Mr. André Rauwerda, Principal Consultant, DNV GL - Energy
-  Mr. Prem Sagar Subedi, ClearStrat Project Co-ordinator, UNCDF
-  Mr. Mahesh Acharya, Energy policy expert, Nepal Investment Board of Nepal (IBN)
-  Multi-stakeholder Dialogue

13:00 to 15:00



**LUNCH hosted by National Planning Commission of Nepal**

15:00 to 16:00

### **CLOSING SESSION AND WAY FORWARD**

The session will summarize the key messages of the meeting and discuss the way forward. With donor and private sector interventions and investments on the rise and several key initiatives, the session will discuss how to effectively seize the moment and implement the priority actions towards increasing access to energy, increasing the use of clean energy solutions in the energy mix, and improving energy efficiency.

**Chair:** Hon. Dr. Arbind Kumar Mishra, Member, National Planning Commission of Nepal

-  Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General, UN-OHRRLS
-  Mr. Gauri Pradhan, International Coordinator, LDC Watch

*(open to media)*

