



# REGIONAL MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

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

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**WHAT:** The Regional Meeting on Sustainable Energy for the Asia-Pacific Least Developed Countries will bring together key stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific energy sector, highlighting ways to effectively put energy finance in motion for least developed countries and deliver life changing benefits to vulnerable communities.

**WHERE:** Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

**WHEN:** 22-23 March 2017

**WHY:** Reliable and affordable access to energy can transform the daily lives of those living in the world's poorest countries and is essential for private sector development, productive capacity building and expansion of trade. Sustainable energy also has strong links to climate action, health, education, water and food security and women's empowerment. Sessions at the event will offer practical, workable solutions in areas including access to finance for energy initiatives, energy investment and business plans, benefitting from global energy initiatives, project preparation skills to attract investment and partnerships for sustainable energy.

**WHO:** The Regional Meeting on Sustainable Energy is co-organised by the United Nations Office of the High-Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS) and the Government of Nepal with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PRESS

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### Wednesday 22 March 2017

**09:30 – 11:00: OFFICIAL OPENING**

**11:00 – 11:30 PRESS CONFERENCE WITH Q&A OPPORTUNITY**

**16.45 – 18.00: Business to Business Dialogue**

Private sector and civil society informally present their experiences in developing off-grid projects. This moderated session explores which financing mechanisms and business models have been proven effective and how they could be transferred to other countries and communities. Press are invited to attend however no Q&A will be offered to media in this session.

### Thursday 23 March 2017

**15:00 – 16:00: CLOSING SESSION**

### Online Links

Meeting Web Page: <http://unohrlls.org/event/regional-meeting-asia-pacific-ldcs-sustainable-energy/>

Meeting Web Page Short Link: <http://bit.ly/2jRm5C4>

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