

Energy for Regional Integration in South Asia: Building Capacity for Greater Connectivity

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The Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance (IPAG), in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), conducted a Capacity Building & Training Program on 'Energy for Regional Integration in South Asia: Building Capacity for Greater Connectivity' in Thimphu from October 25-26, 2017. The workshop was part of the annual capacity building and training series on Power & Energy for policymakers in South Asia, organized by ADBI and IPAG. This was the 2nd event of the series, following the inaugural workshop held in Dhaka in 2016. The workshop also brought together experts, government officials, and policymakers to engage in dialogues promoting scalable and sustainable energy cooperation in South Asia.



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The capacity building & training program will be co-organized by the Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG) and Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). It will provide a comprehensive orientation to the mid-level policymakers on different prospects and challenges of energy and power trading in South Asia. It will bring together experts on power and energy cooperation, government officials, and policy makers to share knowledge, discuss, and explore ways to promote and strengthen energy cooperation in South Asia.



Tentative Agenda

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Venue: Le Méridien Thimphu, Bhutan

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Day 1

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:10	Inaugural Session
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome Note: Syed Munir Khasru , Chairman, IPAG
09:35 – 09:45	Opening Remarks: Dr. Kanopan Lao-Araya , Country Director, Bhutan Resident Mission, ADB
09:45 – 09:55	Audio Visual on “Power & Energy in South Asia”. <i>(This AV will set the tone for further discussion on regional power markets, economics of power trade and enabling environment required for regional power trade.)</i>
09:55 – 10:00	Launching of the Book on ‘Connectivity and Trading in Power & Energy: A Regional and International Dimension’
10:00-10:10	Group Photo

10:10 – 10:30	Tea & Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Session I: Regulation, Governance & Policy Directives</p> <p>Rakesh Kumar Goyal, Managing Director, Tetra Tech</p> <p><i>(This session will focus on overall power system planning and operations, legal and institutional framework required, and regulatory governance.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Session II: Investment for Power & Energy in South Asia</p> <p>Dr. Farhad Taghizaeh-Hesary, Assistant Professor of Economics, Keio University, Japan and Senior Assistant to Dean, ADBI</p> <p><i>(This session will provide a brief overview of optimum business environment and investment platform for national and regional energy trading.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session III: Potential of Clean and Renewable Energy Trading</p> <p>Dr. Young Ho Chang, Associate Professor, School of Business, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)</p> <p><i>(This session will focus on addressing mitigation of climate change, exploiting potential hydropower and/or other renewable resources in the region.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
16:00 – 16:10	Coffee Break

<p>16:10 – 17:10</p>	<p>Panel Discussion I: Sustainability of Regional Energy Cooperation</p> <p>Moderator: Syed Munir Khasru, Chairman, IPAG</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sanjay Dube, Director – South Asia, International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC) Dr. Farhad Taghizaeh-Hesary, Assistant Professor of Economics, Keio University, Japan and Senior Assistant to Dean, ADBI Dr. Mahendra P. Lama, High End Expert, Institute of South Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China <p><i>(This panel discussion will focus on the sustainability parameters of energy cooperation, i.e., energy security, energy affordability, and environment sustainability.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
<p>19:00-20:00</p>	<p>Welcome Dinner</p>
<p>Day 2</p>	
<p>09:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>Session IV: The Geopolitics of Energy: Challenges & Potentials for South Asia</p> <p>Sanjay Dube, Director – South Asia, International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC)</p> <p><i>(This session will focus on the geopolitical and geo-economical variants of energy cooperation.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:15 – 12:45</p>	<p>Session V: Regional Energy Hub</p> <p>Dr. Ravi Segal, Managing Director, Energy Consulting, General Electric</p> <p><i>(The session will be assessing the viability and mechanisms of building a centralized energy platform in the region.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
<p>12:45 – 13:45</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>

<p>13:45 – 15:15</p>	<p>Session VI: Institutional Capacity Development</p> <p>Dr. Mahendra P. Lama, High End Expert, Institute of South Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China</p> <p><i>(This session will focus on promoting and developing capacity building platforms to produce a well-equipped administrative units and competent workforce.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
<p>15:35 – 16:35</p>	<p>Panel Discussion II: Learning from the Champions</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Mahendra P. Lama, High End Expert, Institute of South Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Ravi Segal, Managing Director, Energy Consulting, General Electric 2. Rakesh Kumar Goyal, Managing Director, Tetra Tech 3. Dr. Young Ho Chang, Associate Professor, School of Business, Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) <p><i>(This panel discussion will bring together international best practices on regional power and energy cooperation.)</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</p>
<p>16:35 – 16:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
<p>17:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Certificate Award & Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Concluding Remarks: Syed Munir Khasru, Chairman, IPAG</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr. Aladin Rillo, Senior Economist, ADBI</p>