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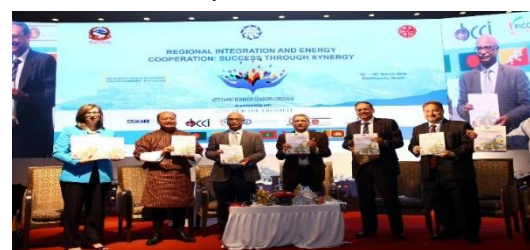
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Brief Summary Report

On

**The 6th SAARC Business Leaders Conclave-2018 in Partnership with SARI/EI/IRADe
16th-18th March, 2018 in Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu, Nepal**

SARI/EI partnered with SAARC Chamber of Commerce in the 6th SAARC Business Leaders Conclave -2018 held at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu, Nepal from 16th-18th March'2018. The 6th SAARC Business Leaders Conclave 2018 was inaugurated by Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal Mr. KP Sharma Oli. During the Energy Session on “Regional Integration and Energy Cooperation: Success through Synergy”, SARI/EI report on “Regional Investment Framework¹ and Guidelines for Promoting Investment in South Asian Power Sector and in Cross-Border Electricity Trade in South Asia” was released. H.E. Ms. Alaina B. Teplitz, US Ambassador to Nepal delivered the opening remarks highlighting the need to advance Energy cooperation which could play a key role in the region’s socio-economic development and be a driver of regional integration. H.E. Ms. Alaina B. Teplitz said that “Existing power trade in the region has demonstrated win-win benefits for all South Asian countries and provides a strong foundation for accelerating regional power² trade”. Mr. Michael Satin, Director, USAID spoke about the activities of SAR/EI and highlighted that energy cooperation will improve energy security in the region, bring prosperity and stability among South Asian Countries. Mr. Vijay Kharbanda, Project Director, SARI/EI/IRADe, made a presentation on the theme context of the session. In his presentation he covered in detail about the South Asian Power sector, benefits of power trade and investment scenario, risks associated and mitigations instruments related to investment in the South Asia Region. The panellists Mr. Dasho Sonam P. Wangdi, Director General, Department of Hydropower & Power System (Bhutan); Prof. Dr. Mohammad Tamim, BUET (Bangladesh) and Mr. Deepak Amitabh, Chairman and Managing Director, PTC India Ltd. (India) discussed in detail about the importance of energy integration and were also of the view to enhance energy cooperation and cross border electricity trade in the South Asia Region. The session was moderated by Mr. Anil Chitrakar, President, Siddharthinc. The various SARI/EI reports were also put on display through out the Conference which drew immense interest among the participants and speakers.



For More details about the event and study report, please Contact @ Mr. Rajiv Ratna Panda @ rajivratanapanda@irade.org
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¹ <https://sari-energy.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/SARI-EI-Report-Regional-Investment-Framework-and-Guidelines-for-Promoting-Investment-in-SA-Region-Report-low-resolution-March-9-2018-Final-Design-Rajiv-1.pdf>
² <http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2018-03-18/cross-border-power-trade-vital-to-south-asian-region.html>



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