

## News Release

### Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) joins the membership of Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO)

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Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) a well-known multi-disciplinary policy think tank and an independent advanced research institute working in the South Asian Region (SAR) has joined as a member of the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO). While trade of petroleum products has stimulated development of many countries in the last century, global electricity trade can facilitate sustainable development of all countries of the world.

In a formal handing over ceremony held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at IRADe office in New Delhi, Mr. Duan Guangming, the Head Director of State Grid Corporation of China India Liaison Office and General Manager of SGCC Oversea Investment Ltd., handed over the membership certificate to Dr. Kirit S Parikh, Chairman, IRADe and to Dr. Jyoti K. Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe at New Delhi. IRADe and SGCC shared their ideas



among each other on the power grid interconnection work in the South Asia and other regions worldwide. They discussed the prospective areas of cooperation/collaboration for promoting sustainable energy development and the role of Global Power Grid Interconnection (GPGI).

GEIDCO<sup>1</sup> is a non-governmental, non-profit international organization with head office in Beijing, China is dedicated for promoting sustainable energy development worldwide and establishment of Global Energy Interconnection (GEI)<sup>2</sup> system to meet the global demand for electricity in a clean and green way, to implement the United Nations "Sustainable Energy for All" and climate change initiatives, and to serve the sustainable development of humanity.



IRADe research areas cover Energy & power systems, urban development, climate change, poverty, gender equity, and agriculture and food security. Under key thematic area of energy and power system, IRADe has done pioneering work in South Asia in the area of policy, legal and regulatory Framework, power grid interconnection and developing electricity market to promote South Asia Power Trade (SAPT) and assessment of gains from trade.

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.geidco.org>

<sup>2</sup>GEI is a globally interconnected strong and smart grid with UHV grid as the backbone, which will serve as a platform for extensive development, deployment, and utilization of clean energy globally. In essence, GEI is "Smart Grid + UHV Grid + Clean Energy". Smart grid is the foundation, UHV grid is the key, and clean energy is the priority. The construction of Global Energy Interconnection will facilitate a large-scale development and exploitation as well as a wide-scope coordination and balance of clean energy, promote energy revolution and sustainable development, and thoroughly solve the problems that restrict the development of human society involving energy security, environmental pollution and greenhouse gas emission. ( Source: <http://www.geidco.org>)