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**Conference on
“Power Markets to Facilitate Enhancement and Integration of Renewable Energy”
15-16 February 2022, Virtual**

AGENDA		
Day 1: 15 February, Tuesday		
14:30 – 16:05	Inaugural Session	
14:30 – 14:35	Lamp Lighting Ceremony	
14:35 – 14:40	Welcome Address by Dr. Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe	
14:40 – 14:50	Introductory Address by Mr. John Smith-Sreen, IPO Director, USAID	
14:50 – 15:00	Special Address by Mr. Samdrup K. Thinley, Chairperson, South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR)/CEO, Bhutan Electricity Authority, Bhutan	
15:00 – 15:10	Special Address by Shri P. K. Pujari, Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, (CERC), India	
15:10 – 15:25	Keynote Address by Shri Alok Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India	
15:25 – 15:40	Address by the Chief Guest by Shri Raj Kumar Singh, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India	
15:40 – 15:50	Setting the Context on the Conference Theme “Power Markets to Facilitate Enhancement and Integration of Renewable Energy” by Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe	
15:50 – 16:00	Release of the Report on “Regulatory Interventions for Grid Discipline and Reliability” and “ The Regulatory Compendium updated till December 2021 ” and “ SAFIR Newsletter ”	
16:00 – 16:05	Vote of Thanks by Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy Manager and Clean Energy Specialist, IPO, USAID/India	
16:05-17:40	Working Session 1: “Renewable Energy Resources potential in the South Asia Region and its optimum utilization”	
<i>This session will focus on:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Renewable Energy Resources Potential in each of the South Asian countries</i> • <i>Targets set by each of the South Asian countries for utilization of this renewable energy potential</i> • <i>Opportunities and challenges in utilizing this potential within the country and/or purchase of electricity from RES from other countries</i> • <i>Balancing of intermittencies of variable RES</i> • <i>Other factors for Integration of these RES to the Grid</i> • <i>Investment opportunities and challenges of Greening the South Asia Energy/Power System.</i> 		
16:05 – 16:10	Opening Remarks by Session Chair	Shri. I. S. Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Sources of Energy/ Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance (ISA)
16:10 – 16:20	Session Theme Presentation	Mr. V. K. Agrawal, Technical Director, SARI/EI/IRADe
16:20 – 17:20	Proposed Panellists:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Pampha Bhusal, Hon'ble Minister, MoEWRI/ Chairperson, Alternative Energy Development Board, Nepal • Mr. Mohammad Alauddin, Chairperson, Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA), Bangladesh • Eng. Ranjith Sepala, Chairman, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority • Mr. S S Barpanda, Director (Market Operations) & CISO, POSOCO/ Mr. Vijay Menghani, Chief Engineer, CERC India • Mr. Phuntsho Namgyal, Director, Department of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan • Mr. Priyantha Wijayatunga, Chief of Energy Sector Group • Asian Development Bank 	
	Moderator: Dr. Kirit Parikh, Chairman, IRADe	



17:20 – 17:35	Open Discussion
17:35– 17:40	Closing Remarks by Session Chair, Shri. I. S. Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

End of Day 1

Day 2: 16 February, Wednesday

14:30 – 14:40	Introduction and Summary of Day 1 – Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI, IRADe
14:40 – 16:15	Working Session 2: Status of Power Markets in the South Asia

This session will focus on:

- *State of Power Markets in the respective South Asian countries.*
- *Energy Market Reform Initiatives in India and its potential role in South Asia Regional Context.*
- *Development of Regional Power/Energy Market. Strategies and roadmap to overcome the challenges and collectively tap the opportunity of development of RES through proper sharing of benefits among participating countries.*
- *Initiatives taken/being taken by SA countries in this regard.*
- *Role of private players (producers/traders) in facilitating a South Asian power market*

14:40 - 14:45	Opening Remarks by Session Chair	Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Govt. of Bangladesh
14:45 - 14:55	Session Theme Presentation	Mr. Pankaj Batra, Project Director, SARI/EI/IRADe

14:55 - 15:55	<p>Proposed Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri. Ghanshyam Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India • Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General – Power Cell, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, Bangladesh • Mr. Karma P. Dorji, Director –Department of Hydropower and Power Systems, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan • Mr. Satyanarayan Goel, Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Energy Exchange • Mr. Prabal Adhikary, Director, Power Trade Department, Nepal Electricity Authority, Nepal • Mr. Krishna Prasad Acharya, President, IPPAN • Mr. Sugath Dharmakeerthi, Additional Secretary (GT&D), Ministry of Power, Sri Lanka <p>Moderator: Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy Manager and Clean Energy Specialist, IPO, USAID/India</p>	
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15:55 – 16:10	Open Discussion
16:10 – 16:15	Closing Remarks by Session Chair Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Govt. of Bangladesh

16:15 – 16:25	Experience Sharing - Session by ENTSO-E Representative
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16:25 – 18:05	Working Session 3: Panel Discussion on Power Markets to Facilitate Enhancement and Integration of Renewable Energy
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This session will focus on:

- *Initiatives taken by SA countries in policy, regulatory and legislation reforms/initiatives to accelerate the development of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) through Power Markets*
- *Role of Cross Border Energy Trade (CBET) in development of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and integration of the same into the grid in the South Asian countries*
- *Way forward to develop robust coordinated/harmonised regional framework and mechanisms across policy, regulatory, legal, commercial, market and institutional aspects for proliferation of RES and power markets*
- *Complimentary contracts between the South Asian countries for utilization of the RES potential, for example trading RES for hydro power, including bilateral/trilateral contracts.*



- Initiatives taken/being taken by SA countries in this regard.

16:25 - 16:35	Opening Remarks by Session Chair	Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog/ Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog
16:35 - 16:45	Session Theme Presentation	Mr. V K Agrawal, Technical Director, SARI/EI/IRADe
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17:45 - 18:00	Open Discussion	
18:00 - 18:05	Closing Remarks by Session Chair - Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog/ Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog	
18:05 - 18:10	Vote of Thanks by Mr Sanoj Kumar Jha, Secretary, SAFIR/CERC	
End of the Conference		