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REGIONAL DIALOGUE Cross Border Energy Co-operation in the Bay of Bengal Region

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

Political Economy Dimensions of Transboundary Cooperation in the Energy Sector

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

- **BIPUL CHATTERJEE**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CUTS INTERNATIONAL
- **JYOTI K PARIKH**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IRADE
- **MONALI ZEYA HAZRA**, REGIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER, SARI/EI, USAID
- **KRISHNA HARI PUSHKAR**, MINISTER, ECONOMIC, EMBASSY OF NEPAL
- **SAMDRUP K. THINLEY**, CEO, BHUTAN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY

Potential Benefits for Electricity Trade in BBIN Region

11:15 AM to 1:15 PM

- **DUNCAN OVERFIELD**, DEPUTY HEAD, ASIA REGIONAL TEAM, DFID
- **NITYA NANDA**, FELLOW, THE ENERGY AND RESOURCE INSTITUTE
- **PRAMOD DEO**, FORMER CHAIRMAN, CERC
- **GEETA GOURI**, FORMER MEMBER, COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA
- **ARUP KUMAR MISRA**, DIRECTOR, ASSAM SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

9.30AM-2.30PM • MAGNOLIA HALL, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI

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REGIONAL DIALOGUE**“CROSS BORDER ENERGY CO-OPERATION IN THE BAY OF BENGAL
REGION”****FRIDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 2018 | MAGNOLIA HALL, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE,
NEW DELHI****AGENDA**

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Session on “Political Economy Dimensions of Transboundary Cooperation in the Energy Sector”
	<p>As the countries in the BBIN/M Region move towards sustainable development, the energy needs would go up exponentially and energy security is therefore, bound to be a priority in the region. Many countries in the region do not have sufficient resources to meet their energy needs and thus, rely on imports which additionally need to be affordable in order to sustain the economic growth. This session will focus on the current energy scenario in the countries and the critical role of strategic actors in strengthening regional energy trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International• Jyoti K Parikh, Executive Director, Integrated Research and Action for Development• Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Program Manager, South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Integration, USAID• Krishna Hari Pushkar, Minister, Economic, Embassy of Nepal• Samdrup K. Thinley, Chief Executive Officer, Bhutan Electricity Authority• Rajat Nag, Former Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank, India
11:00 – 11:15	Tea Break

11:15 – 13:15	Panel Discussion on “Potential Benefits for Electricity Trade in BBIN Region”
	<p>In this session, representatives from Nepal & Bhutan would deliver presentation and share the insights obtained from the impact assessment study (mapping the benefits of CBET undertaken in Nepal and Bhutan). One of the major focuses in terms of understanding the potential benefits of CBET will be the socio-economic aspect of benefits associated to livelihoods and gender. Relevant experts would also be invited to present views as part of the session.</p> <p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geeta Gouri, Former Member, Competition Commission of India <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dikshya Singh, Research Officer, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (Nepal Case Study) • Arpit Tiwari, Senior Research Associate, CUTS International (Bhutan Case Study) <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudhakar Dalela, Joint Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India* • Pramod Deo, Former Chairman, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission • Duncan Overfield, Deputy Head, Asia Regional Team, Department for International Development • Nitya Nanda, Fellow, The Energy and Resource Institute • Simon Stolp, Lead Energy Specialist, The World Bank • Arup Kumar Misra, Director, Assam Science Technology & Environment Council • A K Prusty, EVP & Head, Power Sales, GMR Energy*
13:15 – 13:30	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohit Magotra, Assistant Director, Integrated Research and Action for Development • Udai Singh Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch

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