Opening Statements

Dr Shamshad Akhtar

Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP
Opening Address

Dr. Areepong Bhoocha-Oom
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Energy
Thailand
Opening Remarks

Mr Kirill Molodtsov
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Energy
Russian Federation
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Election Of Officers
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Item 2:

High level panel discussion on the theme: “Opportunities and challenges of energy systems transformation in Asia and the Pacific: how far and how fast can the region go?”
Keynote Speaker - Liu Zhenya

Chairman, Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO)

Chairman, China Electricity Council (CEC)

Standing Committee member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC)
Session 1

Energy Transition And Achieving Sustaining Development Goals
Panellists

Moderator:
H.E. Mr Jesus Posadas, Under Secretary, Department of Energy, Philippines

Panellists:
1. H.E. Dr Bun Narith, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Cambodia
2. H.E. Mr. Sangarange Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka
3. H.E. Mr Vijay Narth, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Fiji
4. Mr Areepong Bhoocha-Oom, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Thailand
Session 2

Energy Connectivity For Regional Economic Integration and Sustainable Development
Moderator: Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, ESCAP

Panellists:
1. H.E. Mr Gankuu Purevjaa, Minister of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Mongolia
2. H.E. Mr Kirill Molodtsov, Deputy Minister of Energy, Russian Federation
3. Mr. Bhagwati Pandey, Special Secretary, Ministry of Power, India
4. H.E. Mr Houshang Falahatian, Vice Minister for Electricity and Energy Affairs, Ministry of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran
5. H.E. Mr Hayk Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy Infrastructure and Natural Resources, Armenia
6. H.E. Mr. Satya Bhagat, State Minister, Ministry of Energy, Nepal
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Item 3. Review Of The Work Of The Committee on Energy

- Established by Commission resolution 71/1 (2015)
- 1st session – 17 – 19 January 2017
- The Asian and Pacific Energy Forum – 2018
- 2nd session – 2019
Possible Structural Options For The Committee (Bureau)

▪ Composition - Chair, five Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur

▪ To assist the Committee in performing its functions between the sessions

▪ To provide guidance to the secretariat in implementation of the energy work programme

▪ To represent the Committee at other international fora

▪ *Bureau has no budget implications for ESCAP*
Possible structural options for the Committee (Expert Advisory Groups)

- To provide strategic and expert advice
- To identify and share best practices and recommended policies
- To assist in developing and applying analytical tools
- *Work of EAGs has no regular budget implications*
For Consideration By The Committee

- To provide recommendations on possible alignment and adjustment of its list of issues to be addressed
- To provide specific guidance on the priority areas of its work
- To make recommendations on the possible structural options for the Committee
Item 4: Energy Scene And Trends In Asia And The Pacific - Challenges

- Increasing energy supplies to meet the growing demands of the region
- Ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy services
- Decarbonizing and diversifying the energy mix to meet global commitments
Dynamics Of The Energy Sector

- Progress on energy access is significant
- Primary energy intensity has been reduced
- Renewable energy develops rapidly despite low oil prices
- The structure of energy consumption has been changed
- Energy connectivity is becoming important
- Investment required for the energy sector is huge
Discussion Points

▪ What role could regional cooperation play in facilitating the transition of the energy sector to support sustainable development?

▪ What should be the future priorities of the Committee and the Work Programme on Energy?

▪ How can the ESCAP Secretariat support member States in their energy transition?
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Item 5: Promoting Energy Connectivity In Asia And The Pacific

- Asia-Pacific energy demand is forecast to increase by 60 per cent from 2010 to 2035, fuelling continued economic growth

- Energy connectivity allows for:
  - Optimized use of all energy resources
  - Expansion of renewable energy use
  - Increased energy security
  - Increased economic integration
Barriers To Energy Connectivity

- Major challenges include:
  - Financing and maintenance
  - Long payback periods
  - Perceived risk of state credit worthiness
  - Difficulties regarding policy, regulation and governance

- Existing subregional connectivity initiatives show a lack of consensus in defining a comprehensive model
Context & Strategies For Energy Connectivity

- Upfront political authorization
- Technical and regulatory standardization
- Competitive energy market structures
- Increased availability of financing
Discussion By The Committee

- Development of a regional vision for energy connectivity
- Institutionalization of an intergovernmental platform
- Normalization of national policy and legal frameworks
- Viability of transboundary power trade reliant on sustainable sources of generation
  - Power sector presents the greatest opportunities for harnessing the benefits of connectivity
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Item 6: Progress In The Implementation Of Sustainable Development Goal 7 & Other Goals In Relation To Energy

- Access to energy services is still a major challenge for many countries in Asia and the Pacific
- Share of renewables in the energy mix is declining against continued increase in energy production and consumption
- Improvement of energy efficiency brings benefits to the countries, but progress is uneven
Means of Implementation
Of Sustainable Development Goal 7

- International energy cooperation
- Expansion of energy infrastructure
- Strengthening the means of SDGs implementation
Issues for Consideration
By The Committee

- Provide specific guidance on how to support the annual regional review of progress towards attaining SDG 7
- Provide recommendations on promoting knowledge-sharing
- Share views on enhanced regional collaboration on capacity-building
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Item 7: Implementation Of The Outcomes Of The First Asian And Pacific Energy Forum

Report To The Economic And Social Commission For Asia And The Pacific On Progress In The Implementation Of Its Resolution 70/9
Requirements Of Commission Resolution 70/9

- Commission decided to convene the second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum at the ministerial level in 2018
- Commission requested to undertake a periodic review of the progress made in the implementation of the Plan of Action
- Commission requested to begin the necessary preparatory work for the second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum in a timely manner
Progress In The Implementation Of Commission Resolution 70/9

- Energy has become a key priority in the strategic direction of the Commission
- Commission created Committee on Energy, GA approved the new posts for the newly created Energy Division
- APEF and SDG 7 will be the major focus of work for the newly established subprogramme on energy
- APEF Implementation Support Mechanism developed for periodic review of implementation of the *Plan of Action*:
  - Asia Pacific Energy Portal
  - Policy Dialogues
  - Regional Trends Report
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Future Focus Of The Subprogramme
Key Activities In 2016

Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal, Target 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy to all

- Pro-Poor Public Private Partnership: Widening access to energy services
- Energy Connectivity for Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration
- Regional Trends Reports on Energy for Sustainable Development (2015 and 2016)
- Asia Pacific Energy Portal
- Collaboration with Group of Twenty (G20)
Planned Activities For 2017

- Development Account 10th Tranche: Evidence-based policies for the sustainable use of natural resources in the Asia-Pacific region
- Implementation of the outcomes of the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum
- Preparation for the second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum in 2018
- Promotion of transboundary power trade
Draft programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019: subprogramme 9 on energy is based on the strategic framework endorsed by the Commission in May 2016

The strategic framework presents the overall direction of the Commission, which contains objective, expected accomplishments and indicator of achievements

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The draft programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 contains outputs and resource requirements of the subprogramme.

The draft work programme consists of the following elements: (a) normative work, (b) analytical work, and (c) technical cooperation. Resources requirements consist of Posts and non-posts.

ACPR has reviewed initial draft of the work programme for consideration by the Commission in May 2017.
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Consideration Of Draft Resolutions, Recommendations And Decisions For Submission To The Economic And Social Commission For Asia And The Pacific At Its Seventy-third Session
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Adoption Of The Report