Background
In response to the Ministerial Declaration of the 2nd Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (April 2018, Bangkok) and the Commission Resolution 74/9 which endorsed its outcomes, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has been supporting member States to develop SDG7 roadmaps. ESCAP has designed the National Expert SDG Tool for Energy Planning (NEXSTEP) which enables policymakers to make informed policy decisions to support the achievement of the SDG7 targets as well as emission reduction targets (NDCs). NEXSTEP has also garnered the support of the Committee on Energy in its Second Session in 2019, with recommendations to expand the number of countries being supported by this tool.

Progress of SDG7 roadmap development in Nepal
ESCAP has been in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation (MoEWRI), the Government of Nepal in organizing consultation workshops to apply the NEXSTEP tool as well as to provide recommendations and guidance on developing the SDG7 roadmap for Nepal.

The roadmap has been developed based on several scenarios by using the NEXSTEP tool. The final set of scenarios and recommendations have been reviewed and agreed upon in the stakeholder consultation workshop held in March 2021. All comments and suggestions have been incorporated.
Objectives of the launching event for SDG 7 roadmap for Nepal

ESCAP in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation is organizing a launching event for the SDG 7 roadmap for Nepal. The main objectives of this launching event are as follows:

a) Officially launch the SDG 7 roadmap for Nepal.

b) Disseminate the key results and policy recommendations to responsible representatives from various agencies such as government bodies, private sectors, and academic and research institutions; and

c) Encourage partnerships and collaborations to support the implementation of the SDG 7 roadmap.

Mode and tentative programme of Launching Programme

In the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be a virtual workshop. Meeting link and further guidelines to join the event will be shared with the speakers and participants in advance.