

First Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Network of Energy Think-Tanks (APNETT), 2 June 2020

CONCEPT NOTE

Background and context

The inaugural meeting of the Asia-Pacific Network of Energy Think-Tanks was held on 8 October 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

APNETT convenes academic institutions, think tanks, universities and not-for-profit entities to facilitate exchange on energy topics and develop collaborative research on energy issues identified by ESCAP's Secretariat and its member States through intergovernmental processes.

The Network serves to:

- a) deliver collaborative research, drawing on contributions from relevant institutes in APNETT, feeding into ESCAP's regional publications on energy;
- b) undertake peer reviews of energy research in support of the ESCAP work program on energy;
- c) support capacity development in the form of research tools, databases and assistance to institutes in need; and
- d) exchange information across the network and disseminate learnings to Asia-Pacific energy policymakers through ESCAP's platforms.

Meeting objective

The network had planned to meet face-to-face in early 2020 in Melbourne, Australia in a meeting co-hosted by the University of Melbourne and Deakin University. However, the ongoing uncertainty related to the COVID pandemic affecting member's ability to travel makes it difficult to plan for any event this year.

Instead, members will meet virtually with the intention of achieving the following objectives:

- a) re-engage member following the inaugural meeting in October 2019;
- b) finalise and agree on the Terms of Reference for APNETT;
- c) discuss emerging research issues in the Asia-Pacific energy transition, especially those relating to ESCAP's work program and issues arising as a result of COVID-19; and
- d) plan future activities for the network.

Hosts

ESCAP, University of Melbourne, and Deakin University



Platform (location)

Online via MS Teams

Agenda (draft)

11:50: Room opens

12:00: Moderator's introduction [Prof. Nino Ficca, Deakin University]

12:05: Opening remarks [Professor Zou Ji, Energy Foundation China]

12:10: Keynote presentation – Deakin University microgrid and the university's path to carbon neutrality [Adrian Panow, Deakin University]

12:25: APNETT Terms of Reference and forward planning for 2020 and beyond [Michael Williamson, ESCAP]

12:35: COVID-19 and the sustainable energy transition [Dr Hina Aslam Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan]

13:30: Coal phase out in the Asia Pacific [Dr Ursula Fuentes Hutfilter, Climate Analytics]

13:55: Other business and additional Q&A [All]

14:25: Close

Communications

13 May 2020: email – “Save the date” – APNETT member list

1 June 2020: email – reminder – APNETT member list + RSVP respondents

Ongoing prior: web – APNETT event page on ESCAP website [<https://www.unescap.org/events/first-meeting-asia-pacific-network-energy-think-tanks-apnett>]- public

Ongoing prior: social media – public

Follow-up: email – minutes – APNETT member list + meeting attendees

Invitees

Name	Institute	Title
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