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## “Fostering capacity and knowledge sharing among the Asian countries in the energy sector”

**Side Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development**  
*30 March 2023 (12:30-13:45 UTC+7) VIRTUAL*

### **Organizer(s)**

The Asia LEDS Partnership (hosted by ICLEI South Asia)

### **Co-organizer(s)**

The Global Climate Action Partnership (GCAP) hosted by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

### **Registration**

To register for this side event, please use

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlc-ugrz8jG9brxFfjqwgA8SAp-wHmWzZU>

### **Background**

The COVID-19 pandemic, volatile political situations, wars and other factors have impacted the Energy sector in the Asia region. In the gamut of climate change goals, countries have committed to reduce their dependence on fossil fuels and shift to renewable energy sources. Achieving higher RE while maintaining energy security and economic growth in the post pandemic era is a challenge faced by the countries.

Despite the challenges, several countries are performing well in the power sector. In this session, a few countries from the Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Philippines) will share their achievements/success stories in the energy sector.

This session is organized in line with this year’s APFSD theme, “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)” and aligning with this year’s APFSD focus on SDG 7, “Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”

The session is organized under the Energy Community of Practice initiative of the Asia LEDS Partnership, which aims at fostering peer learning and capacity building on key energy topics. Further opportunities for capacity building for the Asian countries offered by the ALP will also be informed to the participants.

### Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. The key success factors in achieving increased RE/electrification
2. Challenges faced (including COVID – 19 impacts) in increasing access to electricity / ramping up renewable energy and the ways adopted to overcome it
3. Sharing of good practices related to increased access to electricity / increasing the share of renewable energy

The side event aims to target country governments in the Asian region, practitioners, development agencies and other stakeholders working in the energy sector. The session aims to present best practices in the power sector by some of the countries; this will help other countries in the Asia region to understand, learn and enhance their knowledge in the energy sector.

### Programme

Ms. Soumya Chaturvedula, Deputy Director, The Asia LEDS Partnership	Introduction and setting the context	<b>7 min</b> <b>12:30 – 12:37</b>
<b>Speakers</b>		
Bangladesh Ms. Farzana Mamtaz, Additional Secretary, Member (Energy Efficiency & Conservation), Sustainable And Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA), (tbc)	Policies and measures adopted by Bangladesh to achieve 100% electricity coverage	8 min 12:37 – 12:45

Bhutan Mr. Karma Penjor Dorji Director Department of Energy Ministry of Economic Affairs (tbc)	Role of off grid renewables to achieve 100% rural electrification	8 min 12.45 – 12.53
Philippines Director Michael Sinocruz Energy Policy and Planning Bureau Department of Energy (tbc)	Experiences, lessons and challenges in conducting the Green Energy Auction Program (GAEP) to ramp up RE	8 min 12:53 – 13:01
Nepal Mr Dinesh Kumar Ghimire, Secretary Ministry of Energy Water Resources and Irrigation (tbc)	Contributions and experiences from “the rural energy policy” to expand the rural electrification and increasing access to electricity	8 min 13.01 – 13.09
<b>Panel discussion</b>		
Moderation by ALP		20 min 13:09 – 13:29
Open discussion with participants (Q & A)		10 min 13:29 – 13:39
Ms. Soumya Chaturvedula, ALP	Closing remarks	6 min 13:39 – 13:45

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