

Agenda Item 2:

Documents in Support of the Review of the Draft Ministerial Declaration

1. Review of the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Regional Cooperation for Enhanced Energy Security and the Sustainable Use of Energy in Asia and the Pacific, 2014-2018
2. **Energy Transition in Asia and the Pacific: Pathways to Ensure Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy for All**
3. Report of the Regional Preparatory Meeting of the Second Asian and the Pacific Energy Forum

I. Review of the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Regional Cooperation for Enhanced Energy Security and the Sustainable Use of Energy in Asia and the Pacific, 2014-2018

- ▶ progress been made in all 15 issue areas of the Plan of Action
- ▶ significant challenges remain across the board
- ▶ Member States have stepped-up cooperative efforts
- ▶ The Secretariat supports the implementation of the Plan of Action

II. Energy Transition in Asia and the Pacific: Pathways to Ensure Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy for All

- ▶ **identifying energy transition pathways for the Asia-Pacific region through the implementation of SDG 7**
 - ▶ gaps are identified
 - ▶ a range of options are discussed
 - ▶ the role of connectivity is analyzed
- ▶ **to provide guidance and suggestions on how to transform these opportunities into a common regional response and into initiatives aimed at promoting energy transition**

III. Report of the Regional Preparatory Meeting of the Second Asian and the Pacific Energy Forum

- ▶ The Regional Preparatory Meeting was held on 15 December 2017
- ▶ **Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity**
 - ▶ examined the progress, challenges and opportunities regarding energy connectivity
 - ▶ expressed the view that there are considerable financial, economic, technical and legal challenges, but overcoming political challenges is an especially important step in energy market development and regional integration
 - ▶ agreed to propose to the RPM to include in the draft ministerial declaration the development of a regional roadmap on cross-border electricity connectivity
- ▶ **Expert Working Group on Universal Access to Modern Energy Services, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Use of Fossil Fuels**
 - ▶ emphasized that the energy transition needs a vision that incorporates access, renewable energy, energy efficiency and cleaner use of fossil fuels
 - ▶ agreed to work together on increased data, information- and knowledge-sharing, capacity development and regional cooperation mechanisms