

Expert Working Group Meeting on Energy Connectivity

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Five Major Challenges in promoting Cross Border Electricity Connectivity

- *Legislative restrictions on Electricity trading through the national boundaries
- *Different Grid Codes
- *Lack of Independent Dispute resolution mechanisms
- *Lack of political will
- *Cultural mistrust between the nations

Concrete Examples and Good practices in addressing the challenges

- *SAARC Intergovernmental Framework Agreement (Electricity)
- *SAARC Regulators Forum
- *Amending the Acts, Regulations and Rules
- *Exchange of experts on mutually agreed terms

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Role of regional cooperation in addressing the challenges.

- *Official Forum with a clear mandate
- *Recognized and accepted dispute resolution mechanism
- *continuous interaction among decision makers
- *demonstrate the global success stories
- *facilitating the funding agencies

What should be the main building blocks in developing the regional roadmap.

- *Regional Regulator with a clear mandate
- *Harmonization of Grid Codes and Standards
- *Initiating with few interconnections as pilot projects
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