

Tentative Programme

Expert Working Group Meeting on Energy Connectivity 13 December 2017 Conference Room 4, UNCC Bangkok

- 09:00-09:30 **Opening and Introduction to the Expert Working Group Meeting**
Hongpeng Liu, Director, Energy Division, ESCAP
Chair of the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity
- 09:30-12:00 **Persistent challenges in promoting Cross-border power connectivity for sustainable development**
- 1) Introductory Presentation:
Perceived Challenges in promoting cross-border electricity connectivity in Asia by ESCAP
 - 2) Presentations from participants focus on the issues:
 - a. What are the persistent challenges that inhibit the promotion of cross border power connectivity (common regional challenges and subregion specific challenges) in the context of sustainable development
 - b. Concrete examples to demonstrate the challenges
 - c. Good practices in addressing persistent challenges
- Open Discussion
- 10.30-10.45 Coffee Break
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-15:00 **Regional cooperation on cross-border electricity connectivity for sustainable development**
- 1) Introductory Presentation:
Developing a regional roadmap on energy connectivity by Electric Power Planning and Engineering Institute, National Energy Administration, China
 - 2) Presentations from participants focus on the issues:
 - a. What are the main roles of regional cooperation to accelerate cross border power connectivity? Objectives, main elements of regional cooperation.
 - b. How to go about developing this regional cooperation mechanism?
What type of information and analysis is needed for this task?
The discussion will guide the nature and format of background studies to be conducted in support of regional cooperation under the purview of the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity).
- Open Discussion

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:30 Continuation of discussion on **Regional cooperation on cross-border electricity connectivity for sustainable development**

16:30-17:00 **Future Work Programme of the Expert Working Group**

Open Discussion:

1) The future work programme of the EWG, including the organization of its next meeting, mechanisms for online interaction, and its inputs and follow-up to the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum in April 2018.

17:00-17:30 **Conclusions and recommendations from the expert working group on energy connectivity**

Open Discussion:

- 1) Summary of Challenges and Moving Forward in promoting energy connectivity in the region identified by the EWG
- 2) Proposed inputs from the EWG to the draft Ministerial Declaration relevant to energy connectivity
- 3) Proposed work plan and activities of the EWG