

Concept note

**10th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (IFESD),
7-8 October 2019, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand
From Targets to Action**

REN21 Regional Renewable Energy Report

**12:30-13:30, Monday 7 October 2019
Venue: UN Conference Centre**



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Rationale and Background:

REN21, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific (UNESCAP) will prepare the Asia and the Pacific Renewable Energy Status Report to inform on the current status of renewable energy in the region, thereby helping to understand the range of possibilities and thinking on the future of renewables across the region.

With input from a multi-stakeholder data collection network from across the region, the report will disseminate information on renewable energy to policy makers as well as other key stakeholders. It will map the current range of renewable energy development across the region, showcasing to stakeholders both within and outside the region, and to global investors and potential promoters of renewables.

The report will capture the current status of the renewable energy markets, investments in distributed generation and on-grid solutions by:

- examining the policy trends and regulatory frameworks in the region;
- exploring the latest market developments and activities undertaken across the region to accelerate the diffusion of renewables locally and regionally and promote foreign investments; and
- discussing regional, national and local opportunities in manufacturing, infrastructure, guidance of knowledge and resource mobilisation.

Mapping the region's status of renewable energy will not only provide information for potential investment, it will also present concrete evidence of the economic and social benefits in countries where uptake of renewables has lagged. This report will be used to develop a multi-stakeholder network that contributes collaboratively to an improved data collection process and supports a continuous reporting process.

Objectives:

The session will be held as a side-event on the ground floor of the conference venue. Lunch will be served to delegates in the 30 minutes' prior, with formalities of the session commencing at 12:30pm.

The session will be opened by ESCAP who will welcome the delegates and introduce the keynote speaker for REN21. The speaker will provide an overview of the findings of the Asia-Pacific Renewable Energy Status Report before joining a panel which will respond to questions from the audience.

Tentative Agenda:

12:00–12:30 **Lunch and networking**

12:30–12:35 **Welcome and introductions**
Hongpeng Liu, Director Energy Division, ESCAP
Mr Kee-Yung Nam, Principal Energy Economist, Asian Development Bank

12:35–12:50 **Preliminary findings of the Regional Status Report**
Keynote Speaker
Ms. Laura Williamson
Outreach and Communication Manager
Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21)

12:50–13:25 **Panel Q&A (Facilitated by Mr. Michael Williamson, ESCAP)**

- Ms. Laura Williamson, REN21
- Mr. Solomon Fifita, Manager, Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Ms. Katazina Andrukonyte, Project Director, IFI Services, Elomatic Ltd
- Mr. Zhongying Wang, Acting Director General, Energy Research Institute (ERI), National Development & Reform Commission, China

13:25–13:30 **Session closing**
Mr. Michael Williamson, Chief, Energy Division, ESCAP