

## **South and South-West Asia Subregional Preparatory Consultation Meeting for the Asia-Pacific Energy Forum 2013**

### ***Aide Memoire***

**Dates:** 06-07 November 2012

**Venue:** New Delhi, India

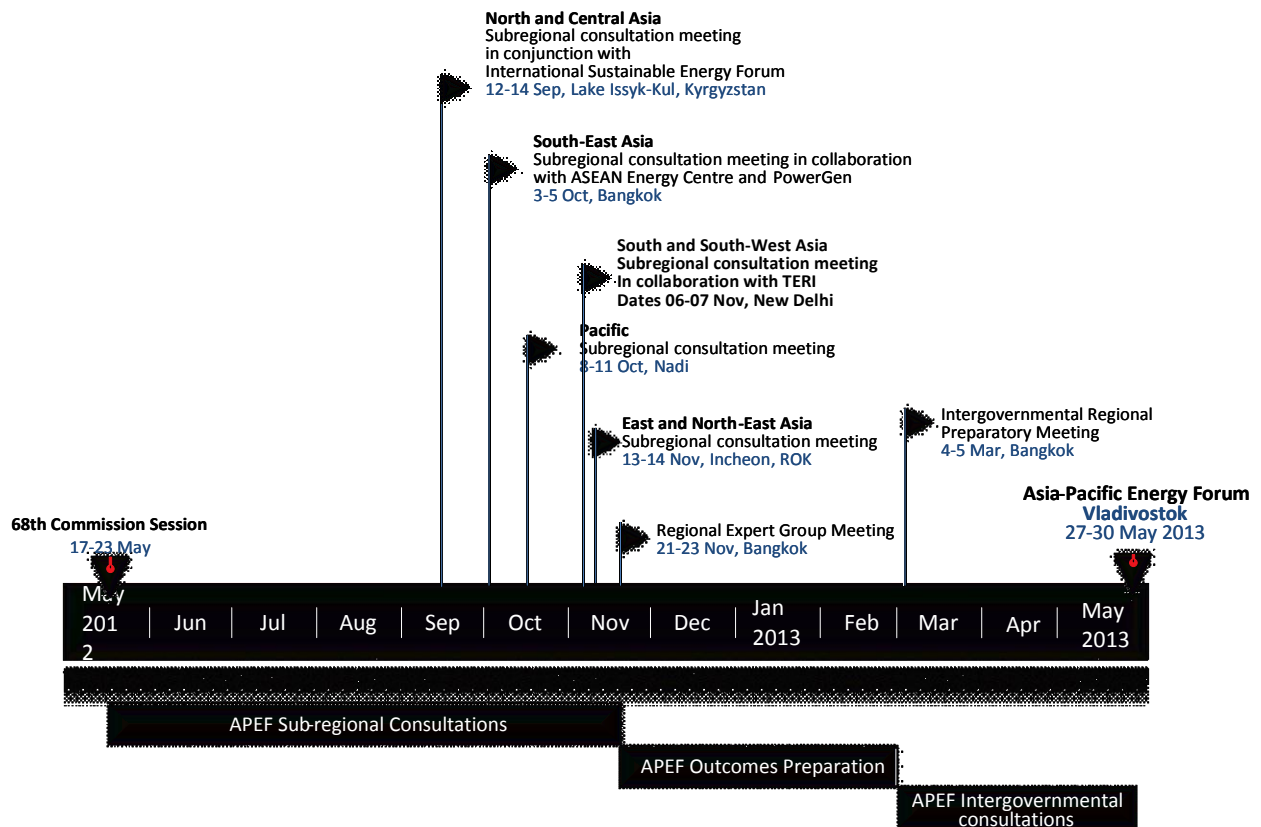
**Host organization:** ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office (ESCAP-SSWA)

#### **1. Background and Context**

At its sixty-seventh session held in Bangkok, on 19-25 May 2011, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) adopted a Resolution 67/2, which mandated the Secretariat to convene the Asia-Pacific Energy Forum (APEF) in 2013. The Forum will be held at Ministerial level, and it will discuss the progress made by countries in the Asia-Pacific in addressing energy security challenges at the regional, national and households level, while promoting regional cooperation for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy. The Forum aims to facilitate a continuous dialogue between the member States by adopting a Ministerial Declaration and a Regional Action Plan which will outline the regional vision for cooperation on energy security and the sustainable use of energy.

In order to gather the regional perspectives on the energy security challenges and opportunities, UNESCAP is conducting a consultation process in each of the five subregions within Asia-Pacific. These consultations aim to engage government officials, energy experts and resource persons from each subregion with the aim of obtaining their views on current energy security issues and perspectives. As part of the consultation process, background study will be prepared with the subregional perspectives, and this study will be presented and discussed in a subregional consultation meeting. Based on the inputs received government representatives, the final version of the subregional document should be finalized as agreed by the end of the meeting.

The documents resulting from each consultation meeting will be reported on the occasion of an Expert Group Meeting at regional level that will be held in Bangkok in the third week of November 2012. An overview of the preparatory process towards the Asia-Pacific Energy Forum is provided in the figure below:



## Preparatory process towards the Asia-Pacific Energy Forum

### 2. South and South-West Asia Energy Background

The energy demand in the countries of SSWA continues to increase exponentially, mainly driven by the high economic growth performances of these economies. Combined with highly volatile and sharp increases in world oil prices, the ever increasing demand for energy have posed numerous challenges in ensuring energy security in terms of energy availability, accessibility, affordability and acceptability.

With the exception Islamic Republic of Iran, all other countries of SSWA region namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Turkey are net importers fossil fuels that include crude oil and coal. The heavy dependent on imported oil has placed enormous burden on limited foreign exchange reserves of these economies.

India is currently the fourth largest energy consumer in the world while Iran was the world's third largest exporter of crude oil globally after Saudi Arabia and Russia. Small economies like Sri Lanka and Maldives which do not have domestic fossil fuel sources, are especially hard hit by energy crises. At the same time even countries like India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh meet increasingly less of their demand with indigenous fuel sources and face mounting energy import bills.

A regional approach could play a catalectic role in addressing diverse energy concerns of countries in the subregion even though region lack large indigenous energy resources except Nepal and Bhutan who possess enormous potential in generating hydro-based power. The

presence of Turkey and Iran offers excellent opportunities in addressing the challenges of energy concerns in a more compressive and strategic manner through enhanced regional cooperation.

In the light of the above background the expected outcome of subregional consultations are to:

- Identify national priorities and energy concerns of individual member countries of SSWA subregion
- Identify challenges and opportunities in enhancing energy security and promotion of the sustainable use of energy
- Identify causes of these challenges and the role of (sub)regional cooperation in addressing these challenges
- Develop inputs to formulate the Regional Action Programme and the Ministerial Declaration
- Contribute to the development of shared vision on energy security and the sustainable use of energy at the subregional level
- Mobilize countries to further develop and implement actions to achieve the shared vision

### 3. Provisional Programme

Tuesday, 6 November 2012	
09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00-10:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome address and opening speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office (ESCAP-SSWA)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The election of the Chair and Introduction of Participants.</li> <li>• Chairperson's Opening remarks</li> </ul> <p>Photo Session</p>
10:30-11:30	<b>Session 2: Subregional perspectives to enhancing energy security and the sustainable use of energy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The presentation of the background study on Energy Access and Regional Cooperation for Energy Security in South and South-West Asia:</i> <i>Dr. Ligia Noronha, Executive Director (Research Coordination), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi</i></li> <li>○ The comments and inputs on the study</li> </ul> <p><i>The discussions of this session will be based on the background study</i></p>

	<i>prepared by TERI under the supervision of ESCAP SSWA. Participants are expected to discuss challenges and opportunities that countries of SSWA are facing in addressing energy access and opportunities that could be exploited through regional cooperation.</i>
<b>11:30-11:45</b>	<b>Tea break</b>
<b>11:45-13:00</b>	<p><b>Session 3: National efforts to tackling major challenges in energy security and the sustainable use of energy in South and South-West Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentations by representatives of member States of SSWA:  <i>Afghanistan</i>  <i>Bangladesh</i>  <i>Bhutan</i>  <i>India</i>  <i>Islamic Republic of Iran</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Delegations will present their national strategies and approaches in addressing issues of sustainable development and major energy challenges, including aspects of energy efficiency, renewable energy use, energy trade, energy pricing, etc.</i></p>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Presentations by representatives of member States of SSWA Contd.</b></p> <p><i>Maldives</i>  <i>Nepal</i>  <i>Pakistan</i>  <i>Sri Lanka</i></p>

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