Overview:
Energy lies at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) focuses on access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, providing a guiding framework for developing and improving national energy systems. The role of connectivity – or the ability of different and often diverse parts to work together in mutually beneficial ways – in supporting sustainable development and the energy transition is gaining traction.

ESCAP’s 2022 Regional Trends Report examines the role of power system connectivity in attaining the energy transition. It presents the current status of sustainable development and regional power connectivity in the Asia-Pacific region, pointing out progress and prospects; and it provides insights into where action is most needed, highlighting regional and non-regional examples of successful approaches. The report also discusses challenges to cooperation and cross-border power connectivity and addresses relevant cross-cutting and emerging issues.

The Regional Trends Report will be launched on the side of the Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration (RECI) Ministerial. During this event, the report will be presented, and experts from the region will be invited to provide updates on relevant power system connectivity initiatives and comments on the report.

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Moderator: Grayson Heffner, Director Utility Modernization & Power Trade, USAID SE Smart Power Program
- Nuki Utama, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Energy: ASEAN Power Grid (APG)
- Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director, IRADe: Power system integration in South Asia –
- Shannon Cowlin, Principle Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank: Northeast Asia Power System Integration (NAPSI),

Followed by moderated discussion

Notes:
- The meeting will be organized in a hybrid format: in-person and via Zoom.
- No interpretation services will be available.