



## A. Introduction

**1. Global Energy Transition: Opportunities and Challenges.** A global energy transition is currently underway, presenting numerous opportunities and challenges, which are influenced by both technical and social contexts. Just transitions, focusing on equity, climate justice, and social inclusion, are imperative for ambitious mitigation and adaptation efforts to combat the escalating climate crisis driven by greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, particularly from fossil fuel use. The Asia-Pacific region, responsible for 39% of global GHG emissions, must play a pivotal role in climate change mitigation. Climate change impacts are widespread and unevenly distributed, exacerbating barriers to gender equality and social inclusion (GESI). South Asia, for instance, faces droughts, floods, glacier melting, and air pollution. Despite significant GDP growth, millions in the region still live in poverty, lacking access to electricity and relying on traditional biomass for cooking and heating.

**2. Energy Transition and Social Equity.** The transition to zero-carbon energy systems must be accompanied by a thorough assessment of their impacts on GESI, particularly for low-income, vulnerable, and marginalized populations, to ensure that they do not exacerbate energy poverty or create other negative social impacts. Furthermore, the objective must be to enhance and expand social development outcomes from existing baselines. This concept, known as a 'just energy transition' (JET), entails transitioning from fossil fuel-based systems to sustainable systems based on renewable energy sources in a manner that prioritizes social equity, social inclusion and environmental sustainability, ensuring active involvement and benefits for all segments of society, particularly disadvantaged and vulnerable populations.

**3. Key Features of Energy Transition.** Key features of the energy transition will include catalysing green growth through transitioning to renewable energy, strengthening skills development to support uptake of new technologies, implementing inclusive social protection and fostering synergies in public-private partnerships. Smart grid technologies and the deployment of distributed energy resources are blurring the traditional divide between utility-led supply and consumer-led demand sides. Technological innovation is creating opportunities for demand-side participation in the power system's operation and the energy market, with potentially significant implications for residential consumers and small and medium enterprises. The energy transition to a carbon-neutral economy also impacts non-energy sectors, such as waste management, transport, and agriculture, all of which are responsible for significant greenhouse gas emissions. Achieving this transition requires multi-stakeholder commitment, with implications for governments, industries, cities, and communities.

**4. Opportunities of Inclusive Energy Transition.** A well-managed and inclusive energy transition presents significant opportunities for improving access to and affordability of energy services, as well as increasing employment and livelihoods. It offers the potential for developing countries to bridge technology, economic, and social development gaps and inequities by fostering the growth of green industries, leading to sustainable economic and social development.

## B. Objectives and Participants

**5. Regional Conference on Inclusive Energy Transition.** The Regional Conference is part of the ADB technical assistance project aimed at promoting inclusive strategies for the low-carbon energy transition in South Asia. It aims to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration among government agencies, ADB project implementers, and other key energy stakeholders. Key Conference sessions include:

- Session 1: Energy Transition Frameworks, Policies, and Institutional Aspects
- Session 2: Smart Energy Systems and Services – Techno-Economic and Social Challenges
- Session 3: Developing the Workforce for Energy Transition
- Session 4: Resilience and Adaptation: Integrated Systems Approaches
- Session 5: Regional Trends and Ways forward for Energy Transition.



STANDARDS ASSOCIATION



**C. PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

DAY 1		DAY 2		DAY 3		
08:00-08:30		<b>ARRIVAL &amp; NETWORKING</b>				
08:30-09:15	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b>	<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>DEVELOPING THE WORKFORCE FOR ENERGY TRANSITION</b>		<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>REGIONAL TRENDS AND WAYS FORWARD FOR ENERGY TRANSITION</b>
	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b>	<b>INTERACTIVE LECTURE</b>				
	<b>Clean Energy Trends in South Asia: Implications for a Just Transition</b>	<b>The future of work</b>				
Priyantha Wijayatunga, Senior Director, Energy, ADB		Iven Mareels, Executive Dean, Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability Federation University, Australia.				
09:15-10:15	<b>CONFERENCE SESSIONS</b>		<b>OPEN FORUM</b>		<b>FIELD-VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA FACULTY OF ENGINEERING</b>	
	Conference Chair: Reihana Mohideen, Principal Advisor, Just Energy Transition, Nossal Institute, The University of Melbourne (UoM)		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION</b>			
	<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>ENERGY TRANSITION FRAMEWORKS, POLICIES, AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS</b>	<b>CASE STUDY</b>			
	<b>INTERACTIVE PANEL 1</b>		<b>OPEN FORUM</b>			
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10:15-10:45		<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>				
10:45-12:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION</b>		<b>INTERACTIVE PANEL 2</b>			
	<b>OPEN FORUM</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION CONT.</b>			
12:00-13:30		<b>LUNCH NETWORKING BREAK</b>				
13:30-14:30	<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS AND SERVICES: TECHNO-ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES</b>	<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION: INTEGRATED SYSTEMS APPROACHES</b>	<b>LUNCH NETWORKING BREAK [13:00-14:00]</b>	
	<b>INTERACTIVE LECTURE</b>		<b>INTERACTIVE LECTURE</b>			
	<b>Techno-Economic Challenges of the Energy Transition</b>		<b>Climate, Healthcare Resilience and Equity: Energy Transition Challenges and Opportunities</b>			
Pierluigi Mancarella, Energy Program Research Lead, Melbourne Energy Institute, The University of Melbourne (UoM)		Kathryn Bowen, Director Climate CATCH Lab and Deputy Director Melbourne Climate Futures, UoM				
<b>OPEN FORUM</b>		<b>OPEN FORUM</b>		<b>SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>		
14:30-15:00		<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>				
15:00-17:00	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION</b>			
	<b>CASE STUDIES</b>		<b>CASE STUDIES</b>			
	<b>OPEN FORUM; WORKING GROUPS</b>		<b>SUMMARY OF THE DAY</b>			
17:00-20:00		<b>RECEPTION AND NETWORKING</b>				
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## D. DETAILED PROGRAM

DAY 1	
08:00–08:30	<b>ARRIVAL &amp; NETWORKING</b>
08:30–08:45	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Francesco Tornieri, Principal Social Development Specialist (Social Inclusion), Human and Social Development Sector Group (SG-HSD), ADB</li> <li>▪ Sujata Gupta, Director, Energy Sector Group (South Asia), ADB</li> <li>▪ T. Prashanth, Snr. Add. Secretary, Ministry of Power and Energy, Government of Sri Lanka</li> </ul>
	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b>
08:45–09:15	<b>Clean Energy Trends in South Asia: Implications for a Just Transition</b> Priyantha Wijayatunga, Senior Director, Energy Sector Group (SG-ENE), ADB, introduced by Sujata Gupta, Director, SG-ENE (South Asia), ADB
09:15–10:15	<b>CONFERENCE SESSIONS</b>
	Conference Chair: Reihana Mohideen, Principal Advisor, Just Energy Transition (JET), Nossal Institute for Global Health, The University of Melbourne (UoM)
	<b>SESSION 1 ENERGY TRANSITION FRAMEWORKS, POLICIES, AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS</b>
	An <i>integrated</i> framework and policies, informed by the topics below, are key for a smooth, just and inclusive energy transition.
	Objective: Examine how cross-sector and cross-industry aspects inform integrated frameworks and policy development, their role in enabling an inclusive transition, and identify key challenges and opportunities to do so.
	Topics covered: Poverty and social dimensions, resilience, institutional and organizational changes, sector planning, standards development and skilling of the workforce.
	<b>INTERACTIVE PANEL 1</b>
	Moderator: Sujata Gupta, ADB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sector planning and institutional strengthening</b></li> <li>• <b>Developing standards for energy transition: the role of the IEEE</b></li> <li>• <b>Social dimensions of energy transition</b></li> <li>• <b>Skilling for energy transition</b></li> <li>• <b>Resilience aspects of energy transition</b></li> <li>• <b>Frameworks</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pankaj Batra, Energy Transition and Reform Expert</li> <li>• Sri Chandrasekaran, Foundational Technologies Practice Lead, IEEE Standards Association</li> <li>• Wendy Walker, Director, Human and Social Development (SG-HSD) Sector Group, ADB</li> <li>• Gi Soon Song, Director, SG-HSD (South Asia), ADB</li> <li>• Kathryn Bowen, Director Climate CATCH Lab and Deputy Director Melbourne Climate Futures, UoM</li> <li>• Swati Michelle Dsouza, Climate Change Specialist (Just Transition), ADB</li> </ul>
<b>OPEN FORUM</b>	
10:15–10:45	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
10:45–12:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION</b>
	Moderator: Pradeep Tharakan, Director, Energy Transition, SG, ADB
	<b>1.a: Presenting Energy Transition Initiatives</b>
10:45–12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Energy Transition Mechanism: Country and private sector perspectives</b></li> <li>• <b>Energy transition examples in Central and West Asia</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Jeffries, Advisor Energy Transition Mechanism and Partnerships, ESG, ADB</li> <li>• Joonho Hwang, Director, SG-ENE (Central and West Asia), ADB</li> </ul>

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	<b>1.b: Promoting Inclusive Tariff Reforms and Policy for Renewable Energy Access</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Impact of tariff and subsidy reforms (Sri Lanka)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herath Gunatilake, Executive Director, Centre for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka</li> <li>• Jaimes Kolantharaj, Principal Energy Specialist, SG-ENE, ADB</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>1.c: Empowering Energy Equity: ADB's Poverty and Social Analysis and Utility Engagement</b>
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	<b>OPEN FORUM</b>
	<b>LIVE POLLING OF SESSION 1</b>
<b>12:00–13:30 LUNCH NETWORKING BREAK</b>	

DAY 1	
13:30–14:30	SESSION 2
	SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS AND SERVICES: TECHNO-ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES
	A techno-economic and social analysis is crucial for ensuring the feasibility of smart energy services, technologies, and business models in fostering an inclusive energy transition
	Objective: Examine the importance of social considerations within techno-economic approaches to ensure an inclusive energy transition and key challenges and opportunities therein
	Topics covered: Techno-economic and social challenges and opportunities of energy-transition related technologies, socio-technical frameworks, and smart grids' role in inclusive energy transition, grid integration, energy trade, and sustainability.
	INTERACTIVE LECTURE
Techno-Economic Challenges of the Energy Transition	
Pierluigi Mancarella, Energy Program Research Lead, Melbourne Energy Institute, The University of Melbourne; Introduced by Reihana Mohideen, UoM	
OPEN FORUM	
14:30-15:00	NETWORKING BREAK
15:00–17:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION
	Moderator: Jaimes Kolantharaj, Principal Energy Specialist, SG-ENE, ADB
	2.a: Navigating Grid Evolution: Socio-Technical Lessons and Standards for Energy Transition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socio-technical lessons from old to smart grids</li> <li>• Standards Ecosystem Enabling Energy Transition</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reihana Mohideen, UoM</li> <li>• Sri Chandrasekaran, IEEE</li> </ul>
	2.b: Empowering Energy Transitions: Utility Insights, Solar Integration, Sustainable Grid
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A utility's perspective on inclusive energy transition</li> <li>• Harnessing solar to complement hydropower</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K.G.R.F. Comester, Additional General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB)</li> <li>• Kuenga Choden Dorji, Executive Engineer, Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Bhutan</li> <li>• Sonam Zam, Project Officer, Bhutan Resident Mission, ADB</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grid integration, energy trade and sustainability</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pankaj Batra, Energy Transition and Reform Expert</li> </ul>	
17:00–20:00	CASE STUDY 1
	India: demand-side energy efficiency project (social impacts)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepa Ahluwalia, Gender and Social Development Specialist, India Resident Mission (INRM), ADB</li> <li>• Samrat Ray, Senior Project Officer (Energy), INRM, ADB</li> </ul>
	CASE STUDY 2
	Sri Lanka: microgrid pilot project (social impacts)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Udayanga Hemapala, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka</li> <li>• Prathaj Haputhanthri, Project Officer (Energy), Sri Lanka Resident Mission (SLRM), ADB</li> </ul>
	OPEN FORUM
WORKING GROUPS SESSIONS 1 AND 2	
LIVE POLLING OF SESSION 2	
SUMMARY OF DAY 1	
17:00–20:00	RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

DAY 2	
08:00–08:30	<b>ARRIVAL &amp; NETWORKING</b>
08:30–09:30	<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>DEVELOPING THE WORKFORCE FOR ENERGY TRANSITION</b>
	The evolving grid requires a changing workforce to support this transition, offering green job prospects. Essential skills development at all education levels is vital to seize these opportunities
	Objective: Assess the importance and challenges of workforce development for the energy transition, including social implications, informal economy impact, and identifying key opportunities for social development and economic diversification
	Topics covered: Green industry, future workforce, inclusive social protection, informal economy impact, economic diversification, and alternative employment
	<b>INTERACTIVE LECTURE</b>
	<b>The future of work</b> Iven Mareels, Executive Dean, Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability (IISS), Federation University, Australia, introduced by Ranishka Wimalasena, Senior Energy Sector Specialist, SG-ENE, ADB
<b>OPEN FORUM</b>	
09:30–10:15	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION</b>
	Moderator: Louise McSorley, Social Development Specialist, SG-HSD, ADB
	<b>3.a: Inclusive Social Protection in Energy Transition</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Energy transition's impact on workforce and social protection</b></li> <li>• <b>Just Transition through Social Protection Schemes.</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oleksiy Ivaschenko, Senior Social Protection Specialist, SG-HSD, ADB</li> <li>• Ippei Tsuruga, Social Protection Programme Manager (Indonesia), International Labor Organization (ILO)</li> </ul>
<b>CASE STUDY 3</b>	
<b>Informal Economy, Livelihoods and Social Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehana Riyawala, Executive Secretary and Vice President, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), India</li> <li>• Heena Dave, Vice President, SEWA, India</li> </ul>
<b>OPEN FORUM</b>	
10:15–10:45	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
10:45–12:00	<b>INTERACTIVE PANEL 2</b>
	Moderators: Iven Mareels, IISS, Federation University; and Gi Soon Song, Director, SG-HSD (South Asia), ADB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Utilities' approach to addressing infrastructure challenges</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poonam Pokharel, Deputy Director, Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)</li> <li>• Muhammad Hossan, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reshaping of Higher Education</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdul Muhsin Mohamed, Senior Lecturer, Maldives National University, Malé</li> <li>• Arulampalam Atputharajah, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pathways and Vocational Training</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Chang, Social Sector Specialist (Skills Development), SG-HSD, ADB</li> <li>• Per Borjegren, Principal Education Specialist, SG-HSD, ADB</li> <li>• Akila Wijethunga, Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>



<b>DAY 2</b>							
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION Cont.</b>						
	<b>Moderator: Alexander Tsironis, Education Specialist, SG-HSD, ADB</b>						
	<b>3.b: Economic Diversification, STEM Jobs and Alternative Employment</b>						
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	<b>OPEN FORUM</b>						
	<b>LIVE POLLING OF SESSION 3</b>						
12:00–13:30	<b>LUNCH NETWORKING BREAK</b>						

DAY 2			
13:30–14:30	SESSION 4		
	RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION: INTEGRATED SYSTEMS APPROACHES		
	Resilience across sectors like energy, infrastructure, urban planning, health, and communities involves building smarter power networks and integrating diverse measures to prevent hazards and vulnerabilities.		
	Objective: Highlight the role of integrated approaches in building resilience, for effective adaptation, and to identify key challenges and opportunities.		
	Topics covered: Community-centred approaches, health, community energy resilience, technology adaptation.		
	INTERACTIVE LECTURE		
	Climate, Healthcare Resilience, Equity: Energy Transition Challenges & Opportunities		
	Kathryn Bowen, Director Climate CATCH Lab and Deputy Director Melbourne Climate Futures, UoM, introduced by Nazmun Nahar, Energy Sector Specialist, SG-ENE, ADB		
OPEN FORUM			
14:30–15:00	NETWORKING BREAK		
15:00–17:00	4 <sup>th</sup> PANEL PRESENTATION		
	Moderator: Keiju Mitsuhashi, Director, SG-ENE (South East Asia)		
	4.a: Infrastructure Adaptation		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Energy technology adaptation for resilience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janaka Ekanayake, Professor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Resilience Building Tonga</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Kautoke, Strategic and Business Development Manager, Tonga Power Limited</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	4.b: Community-Centered Resilience Development		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Field Studies from India</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pradip Swarnakar, IITK</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Field Studies from Bangladesh</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nasheeba Selim, Senior Social Development Officer (Gender), Bangladesh Resident Mission, ADB</li> <li>• Abdul Arif, Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Heat stress-related vulnerabilities in selected DMCs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zonibel Woods, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender), Gender Equality Division, ADB</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	CASE STUDY 4		
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	OPEN FORUM		
	WORKING GROUPS SESSIONS 3 AND 4		
LIVE POLLING OF SESSION 4			
SUMMARY OF DAY			
17:00–20:00	RECEPTION AND NETWORKING		



DAY 3	
08:00–8:30	<b>ARRIVAL &amp; NETWORKING</b>
8:30–9:30	<b>SESSION 5 REGIONAL TRENDS AND WAY FORWARD FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION</b>
	A moderated 'group dialogue' harnessing insights from the conference. ADB, Government officials, University representatives, and other stakeholders delve into key takeaways and explore their implications for future strategies and ways forward.
9:30–13:00	<b>FIELD VISIT</b> <b>UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA</b> <i>Program by Chandana Perera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, University of Ruhuna</i>
13:00–14:00	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK</b>
14:00–14:30	<b>SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>

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