

Panel: Building Renewable Energy Supply Chains in South Asia

Energy security of South Asia (SA) and all member states of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) is compromised due to excessive focus on import-dependent generation. Due to limited regional focus on renewable energy and insignificant regional cooperation, energy security of millions of people is at risk. The energy-based export potential of each SA country is significant and can augment the region's energy security, along with technology transfer and cooperation in research and development. This panel, of the South Asian Economic Summit (SAES), will focus on the following key questions:

- What are the ways through which smarter energy supply chains can be promoted through the public and private sector in the region?
- What are the effective ways of technology transfer across the region, especially with regards to renewable and alternate sources of energy e.g., wind, biomass and biogas-based power projects?
- What are the current mechanisms in place for energy trade in the region; and what new pathways can be potentially included in order to improve energy trade across SAARC members?

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