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**Energy Transition Platform: Launch Webinar**

*Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023*

*Time: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM IST*

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***Background***

The Energy Transition Platform (ETP) is a multi-country platform that brings together energy practitioners and select CSOs working on energy for the countries of South Asia- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka. The overall objective of ETP is to fast-track energy transition in the respective countries through a collaborative work of all partners.

Since its inception in 2018, ETP has been tracking energy transitions in the above-mentioned countries through a comprehensive repository of information on energy scenarios across the countries. South Asia region is home to almost a quarter of the world's population and countries in this region are on the path of rapid development and economic growth. With the need to keep global temperature from rising above 1.5°C, a rapid energy transition is required here.

This webinar serves as an official launch of the Energy Transition Platform. The webinar also aims to understand the energy transition scenario in the South Asian region from sectoral experts on the associated barriers & enablers, and how countries of this region can collaborate effectively to scale-up energy transition while achieving global climate goals. Partner organisations of the ETP will also shed light on the current energy scenario and the challenges & opportunities associated with energy transitions in their respective countries.

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<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b><i>Welcome Remarks &amp; Context Setting</i></b>	Vasudha Foundation	5 minutes
<b><i>Presentation of the ETP Dashboard</i></b>	ETP Partners	20 minutes
<b><i>Opening Remarks</i></b>	Mr. Joydeep Gupta, <i>Editor, The Third Pole</i> Representative from EU (TBC)	20 minutes
<b><i>Moderated Panel Discussion</i></b>	<i>Moderated by: Sadia Sohail, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung</i> ETP Partner Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Alias Wardak, <i>ONAI Climate Change Studies Organization for Afghanistan</i>, Afghanistan</li><li>• Mr. Sohel Ahmed, <i>Grameen Shakti</i>; Ms. Nahid Akhter Katha, <i>Bangladesh Centre for Advance Studies</i>, Bangladesh</li><li>• Lam Dorji, <i>Centre for Environment and Development</i>, Bhutan</li><li>• Imad Mohammed, <i>Huvadhoon Aid</i>, Maldives</li><li>• Mr. Niraj Shrestha, <i>Practical Action Nepal</i>; Ms. Barsha Parajuli, <i>Clean Energy Nepal</i>, Nepal</li><li>• Ms. Mome Saleem, <i>Institute of Urbanism</i>; Mr. Muhammad Haris, <i>OIC – COMSTECH Secretariat</i>, Pakistan</li><li>• Mr. Jayantha Gunasekera, <i>Janathakshan</i>, Sri Lanka</li></ul>	35 minutes
<b><i>Q&amp;A Session</i></b>		10 minutes