

OECD EMnet Meeting on Asia “Energy Challenges and Business Opportunities”

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Draft Agenda

11:30-12:00	Registration
12:00-13:45	Working lunch
	Opening remarks
13:45-15:00	Session 1: Energy trends in an evolving economic scenario
	<p><i>In a context of sustained economic growth, the energy demand is expected to increase rapidly in Asia. By 2040, the International Energy Agency estimates a nearly 60% increase of regional energy demand. However, the impact of China’s economic slowdown, volatile energy prices and gaps in access to electricity might affect the outlook and have important implications for the private sector.</i></p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the regional economic outlook? • What are the key energy challenges, and the role of renewable energy? • Which energy sectors are expected to generate investment opportunities?
15:00-15:30	Coffee and networking break
15:30-16:40	Session 2: How are energy policies impacting business operations?
	<p><i>Governments play a critical role in developing an accessible, efficient and reliable energy sector. This session will discuss relevant energy policies and recommendations from the private sector, in order to improve the business climate in Asia.</i></p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can governments foster a favourable environment for business? • What are the most relevant energy policies for the private sector? • Are recent regional integration developments affecting energy trade and investment policies?
16:40-17:50	Session 3: Building sustainable energy infrastructure in Asia
	<p><i>Asia needs to upgrade its energy infrastructure network, to cope with rapidly growing regional consumption. ASEAN countries needs up to \$2.5 trillion of cumulative investment in energy supply infrastructure until 2040, to ensure energy security and sustainability. This session will explore recent national and regional initiatives to support energy infrastructure development, with a particular focus on renewable energies and clean technologies.</i></p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key national and regional initiatives for energy infrastructure development in Asia? • Are renewable energies and clean technologies generating investment opportunities? • What can the private sector recommend to increase its participation in the infrastructure projects?
17:50-18:00	Concluding remarks