

# Advancing Regional Cooperation

## in Southeast Asia's Energy Transition to meet the Paris Agreement goals in 2030

**9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

9:00 – 11:00 Hanoi, Jakarta time (GMT+7)  
10:00 – 12:00 Manila time (GMT+8)  
13:00 – 15:00 Canberra time (GMT+11)

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## Background

The year 2015 marked the adoption of the historic Paris Agreement, a global commitment to collective action to reduce global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and combat climate change. Seven dynamic years have passed since that breakthrough, with significant development and transformation in the power sectors of Southeast Asia.

At the halfway point between the signing of the agreement and the target date of 2030, it is time to take stock of the progress made and the challenges remaining for Southeast Asia to meet its 2030 commitments.

COP28 UAE, held from November 30 until December 12, 2023, is a significant event where the global progress on the Paris Agreement will be evaluated. The inaugural Global Stocktake will assist in aligning and strengthening the global effort by identifying areas that require additional measures.

As outlined in the Paris Agreement, effective regional cooperation is an indispensable attribute in accelerating the energy transition. To that end, many governments, including ones in Southeast Asia, have undertaken various initiatives. However, making the best of such initiatives by determining the most effective collaborative mechanisms still poses challenges.

In preparation for the Global Stocktake process at COP 28, **this pre-COP Dialogue will assess progress on energy transition through the lens of regional electricity cooperation**. It will take stock of progress, identify remaining challenges and explore how regional energy cooperation could unlock these barriers to advance national and regional progress on the Paris Commitments.

The pre-COP Policy Dialogue is an initiative of the Energy Transition Partnership (ETP), a multi-stakeholder platform that aims to accelerate energy transition in Southeast Asia and deliver the Paris Agreement targets on climate change by bringing together Government Donors, Philanthropies and Partner Governments.

The ETP Roundtables is a networking program delivering policy engagement and training through a consortium of the Australian National University (ANU), Australia-Mekong Partnership for Environmental Resources & Energy Systems (AMPERES), Institute for Economic and Social Research, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia (LPEM UI), the Indonesia Research Institute for Decarbonization (IRID), Ateneo School of Government (ASOG), and University of San Carlos (USC).

## Objectives

This pre-COP event aims to assess existing cooperative frameworks and discern optimal paths for regional energy transition cooperation that help the nations of SEA accelerate progress on their Paris Commitments. The Dialogue has a particular focus on the large fossil fuel economies of Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam.

## Target audience

As part of the ETP Roundtables, the regional pre-COP28 Policy Dialogue is a high-level strategic discussion bringing together stakeholders from Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam to identify the strategic issues that contribute to enhancing regional cooperation in energy transition and frame the agenda for effective negotiations at COP28.

This Policy Dialogue is open for a wide range of participants with diverse backgrounds, from the industry sector, civil society and governmental bodies. Participants who are interested in energy transition in Southeast Asia are highly encouraged to take part in the discussion session and exchange their ideas.

## Language

Bahasa, English and Vietnamese (with simultaneous interpretation).

## Agenda

Time (GMT+7)	Section	Speaker(s)
9:00 – 9:05	Introduction	Dr Thang Nam Do, Fellow, ANU Grand Challenge Program on Zero Carbon Energy for Asia
9:05 – 9:15	Welcome remarks	Mr John Robert Cotton, ETP's Senior Program Manager
9:15 – 9:25	<b>Keynote 1:</b> "Key energy transition issues at COP28 and implications for Southeast Asia" Introduction to the first panel	Prof. Frank Jotzo, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University

9:15 – 9:25	<b>Panel discussion:</b> “Key energy transition achievements for SEA since Paris Agreement”	<b>Panelist:</b> – Mr Qatro Romandhi, Coordinator at the Directorate of Energy Conservation, MEMR Indonesia  – Mr Michael O. Sinocruz, Director IV, Energy Policy and Planning Bureau (EPPB), the Philippines
9:45 – 10:00	Q&A	– Mr Nguyen Xuan Huy, Associate Professor, HCMC University of Technology  <b>Moderator:</b> Ms Moekti H. Soejachmoen, Executive Director, IRID
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Keynote 2:</b> “ASEAN energy transition progress against its targets and the role of regional cooperation in advancing energy transition”  Introduction to the second panel	Mr Beni Suryadi, Manager of the Power, Fossil Fuel, Alternative Energy and Storage, ASEAN Centre for Energy
10:10 – 10:30	<b>Panel discussion:</b> “The next 7 years: how regional cooperation can build-on and extend previous successes”	<b>Panellist:</b> – Maria Fritzie Reyes Vergel, ETP Philippines Country Coordinator  – Mr Sascha Oppowa, Project Director, Clean, Affordable and Secure Energy for Southeast Asia (CASE)
10:30 – 10:45	Q&A	– Ms Trang Nguyen, Southeast Asia Lead, ClimateWorks Centre  <b>Moderator:</b> Mr Tarek Ketelsen, Director-General, AMPERES
10:45 – 10:55	Summary	Dr Thang Nam Do, Fellow, ANU Grand Challenge Program on Zero Carbon Energy for Asia
10:55 – 11:00	Closing remarks	Mr Dimas Fauzi, ETP’s Senior Program Officer

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