## **Asian Energy Highway**

### **Energy Connectivity for Enhanced Energy Security**

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## **Challenges**

Asia-Pacific energy demand is projected to grow by 2.4% a year for the next 20 years - highest growth in East Asia at 4.8% and South Asia at 3.5%

#### **Consumption Intensity**

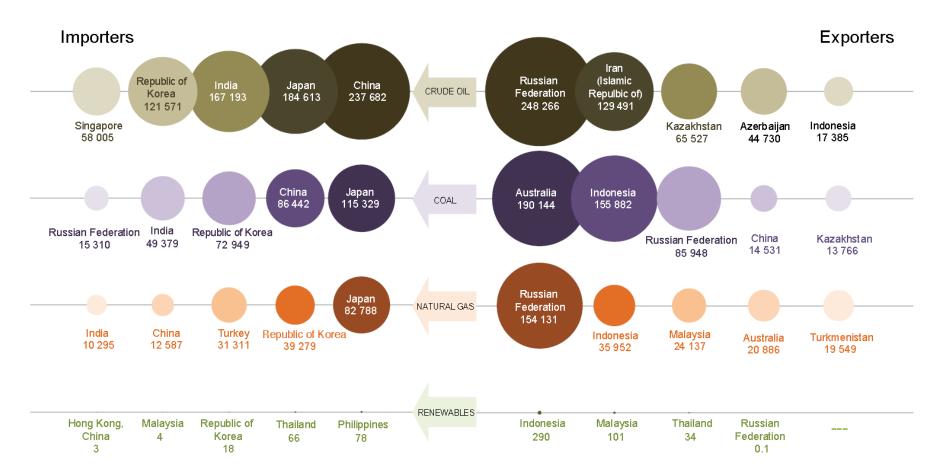
Between now and 2050, Asia will be transformed as its urban population nearly doubles from 1.6 billion to 3.1 billion

Asia is projected to surpass the OECD before 2030 to become the world's largest energy consuming block

#### **Resource Distribution**

The uneven distribution of energy resources within the Asia-Pacific is presents a variety of challenges at the national level in terms of supply security

# Top five importers & exporters by energy resources in Asia and the Pacific, 2010 (ktoe)



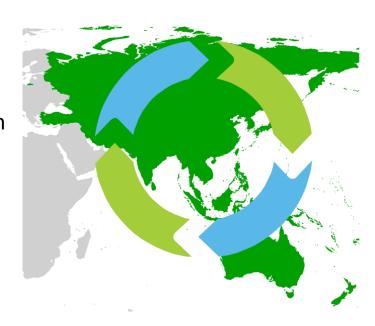
Source: ESCAP, Statistical Perspectives: Focus Areas for Realizing Enhanced Energy Security (2013)

## **Opportunity**

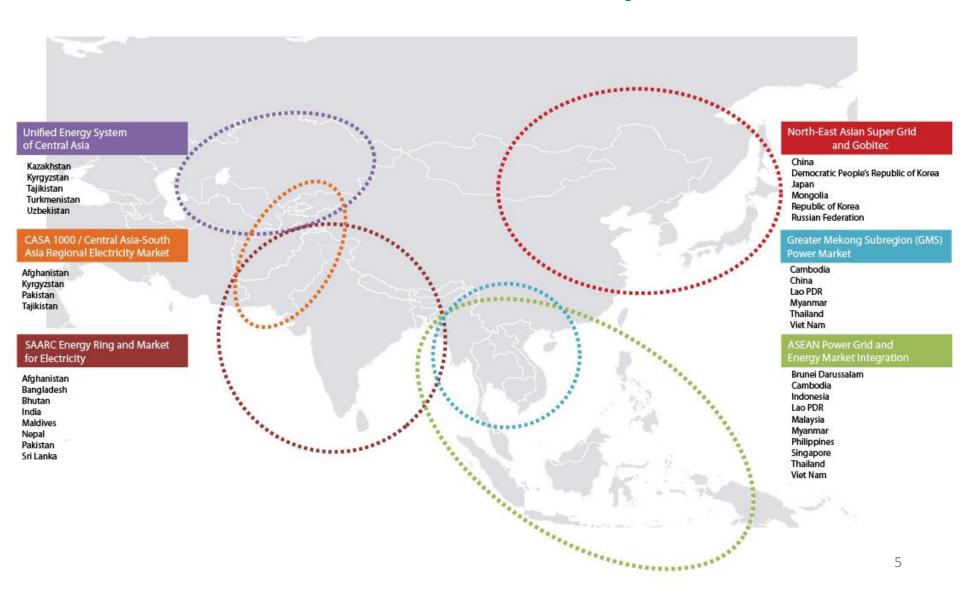
- Energy trading is currently occurring within the Asia-Pacific region however it is primarily limited to bilateral agreements between neighboring states
- Regional Integration. The economically sound allocation of energy resources is likely to be more efficiently accessed and distributed using regionally integrated energy planning and trading

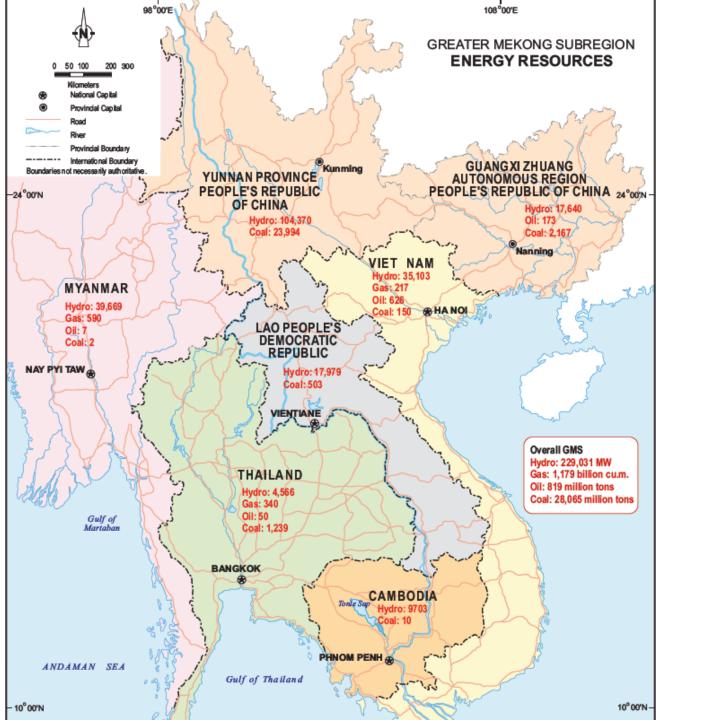
## Some sub-regional recognition of need for greater cooperation:

- 1. ASEAN Power Grid and Energy Market Integration
- SAARC Energy Ring and Market for Electricity
- 3. CASA 1000 and Central Asia-South Asia Regional Electricity Market
- 4. Greater Mekong Subregion Power Market
- 5. North-East Asian Super Grid and Gobitec
- 6. Unified Energy System of Central Asia



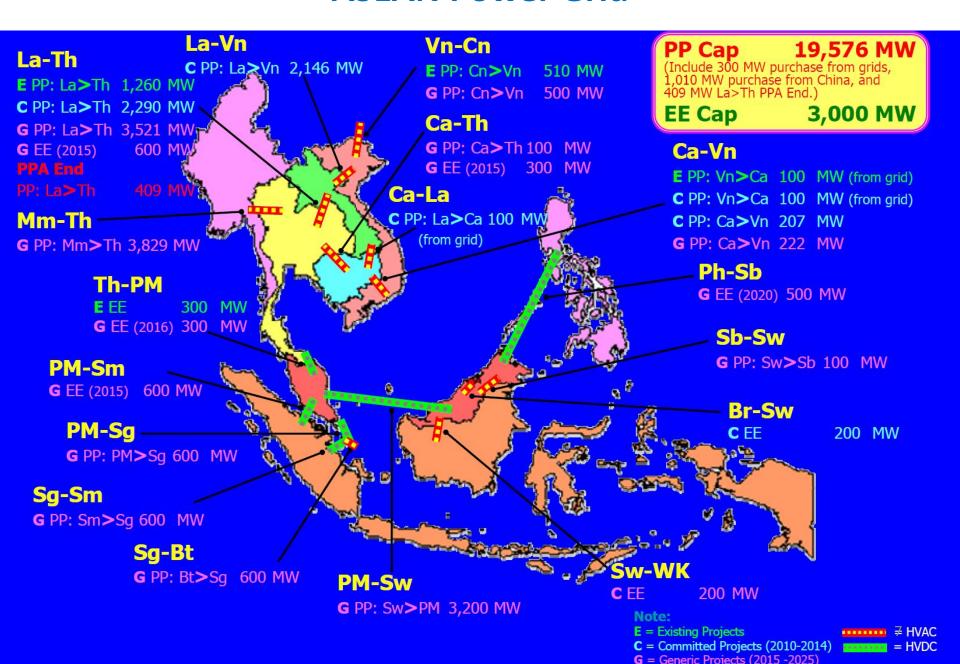
## Subregional Initiatives on Power Grids and Electricity Markets

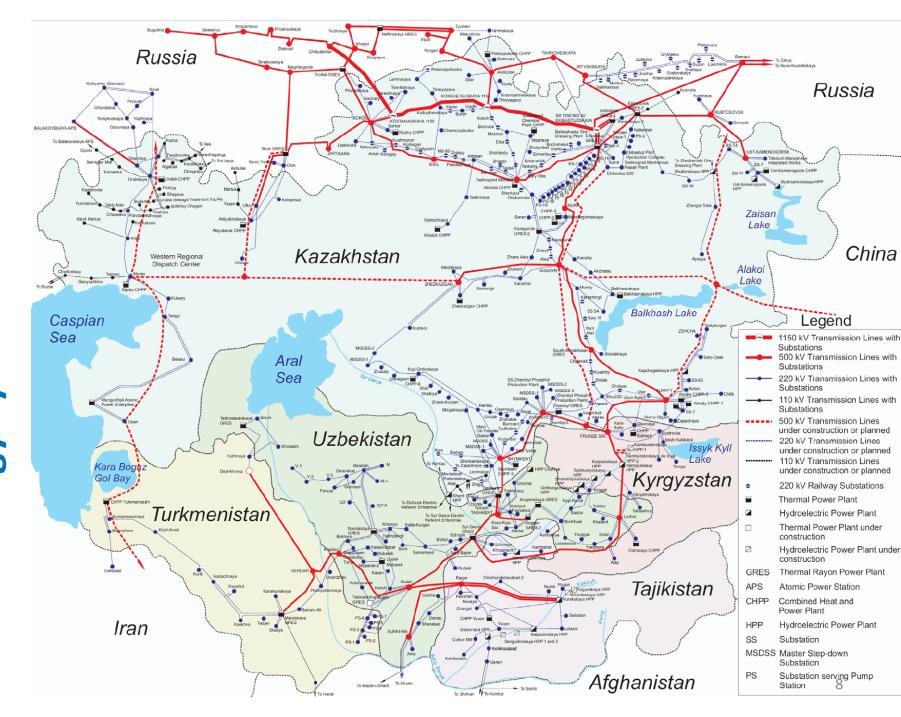


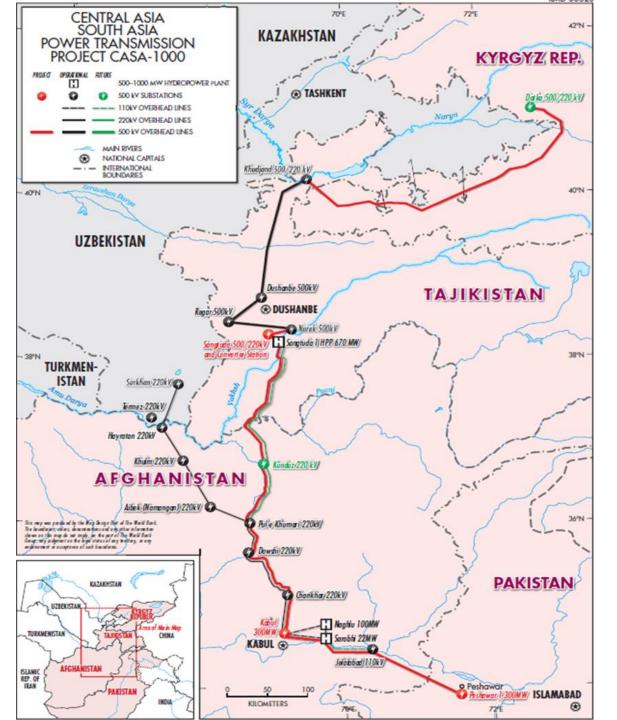


# Greater Mekong Subregion Power Market

#### **ASEAN Power Grid**

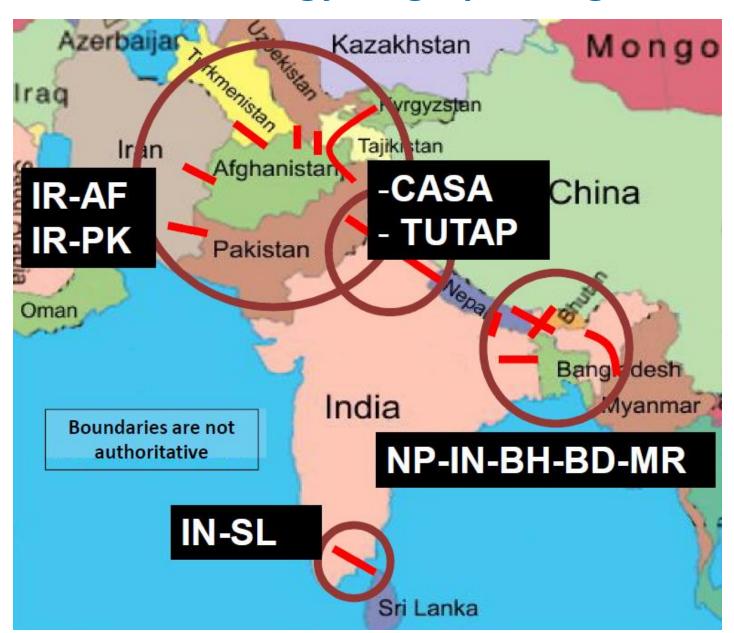




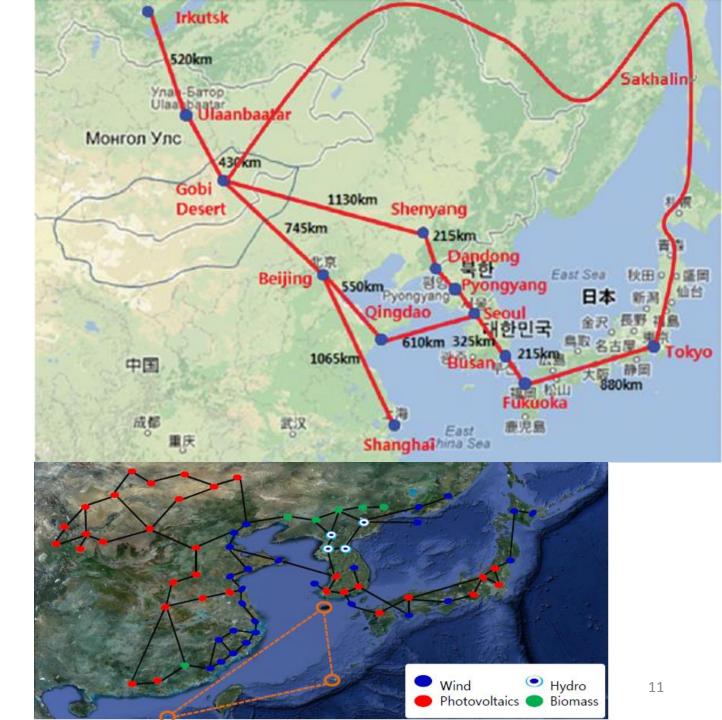


CASA 1000:
Flagship Project of
Central Asia-South
Asia Regional
Electricity Market
(CASAREM)

## **SAARC Energy Ring's power grid**



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## **Connectivity for energy security**

- ESCAP Promotes Regional Cooperation for Energy Security and Sustainable Development
- In its 68th Commission Session in May 2012, member States adopted a Resolution (68/11) to enhance regional energy security through by improving efficiency, connectivity, and promoting a greater share of renewable and clean energy for a more sustainable future

#### **Main activities**

- "Identify options, in consultation with member States, that member States may choose on regional energy connectivity, including an intergovernmental framework that could be developed for an integrated regional power grid, which could be termed as the "Asian Energy Highway (AEH)"
- Analyze the socioeconomic and environmental benefits of each option as well as the challenges and opportunities towards the realization of each option

## **Asian Energy Highway benefits**

#### **Economic**

- Improved energy efficiencies in power production and trade through enhanced levels of regional integration
- Optimisation of resource allocation between supply and demand centres, opening up trading opportunities and resource security alternatives

#### Social

- Improved energy access through broader coverage and trading
- Enhanced security through diversification of sourcing

#### **Environmental**

- Integrated energy planning improves the capacity to reduce generation excesses and losses by supporting through enhanced regional load management capabilities
- Improved prospects for injection of renewable energy technologies

## **Progress so far**

- Concept integrated in Asia-Pacific regional cooperation framework for energy
- Analytical work started
- Expert Group Meeting on Conceptualizing the AEH
- Policymakers request benefits study
- Further identify and quantify the socio-economic and environmental benefits of an AEH
- Subregional approach adopted

## **Roadmap for an Asian Energy Highway**

## Dialogue and analysis Short-term goal

- Undertake detailed costbenefit analyses into both regional energy market gains and integrated development
- Undertake planning studies into the opportunities for maximizing renewable energy resource development under a regionally integrated scenario
- Initiate ongoing dialogue between subregional initiatives in order to identify opportunities for development synergies

## Implementation *Medium-term goal*

- Multilateral management framework established to oversee regional energy integration and development monitoring
- Implementation of identified avenues for harmonization within regional power industries in areas such as regulatory environment, operation, design standards and pricing
- Identified regional renewable energy projects developed

#### Operation Long-term goal

- Regional energy market operator(s) implemented to coordinate and monitor power transactions
- Intergovernmental regional energy body installed to facilitate ongoing management of integrated regional network

# **THANK YOU!**