

ESMAP CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETINGS
May 11-13, 2026 | Main Complex, MC

Day 1 – Monday - May 11, 2026 ROOM: MC C2-350	
8:00 AM	Welcome Tea/Coffee (Foyer)
8:30- 9:30	Closed Door Session: Donors-only meeting (a separate connection link will be shared for this purpose)
9:30-10:45	Global Energy Outlook: Setting the Internal and External Context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hans Olav Ibrenk, MFA, Special Envoy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway ○ Demetrios Papathanasiou, WBG, Director, Energy ○ Valerie Levkov, WBG Vice President (Video) ○ Q&A discussion <p><i>Moderator: Fanny Missfeldt-Ringius, Practice Manager, ESMAP</i></p>
10:45-11:00	Break (Foyer)
11:00-12:45	Mission 300 Energy Access: Electricity and Clean Cooking <p>The session will include voices from countries which have published their National M300 Compacts and started implementation towards achieving results in electricity access and clean cooking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Franz R. Drees-Gross, Regional Practice Director, WB, Africa (in person) ○ Adedayo Olowoniyi, Chief Technical Adviser to Minister of Power, Nigeria (in person) ○ El Hadji Sylla, Regional Off-Grid Electricity Access Project (ROGEAP), Project Implementation Unit, Coordinator and Senior Advisor, (in person) ○ Dave Anson, Head of Moyi Power, Democratic Republic of the Congo (in person) ○ Marit Dahl Hjort, Climate Change Specialist, WBG, (virtual) ○ Advera F. Mwijage, Director, Rural Energy Agency (REA), Tanzania (in person) <p><i>Moderators: Kenta Usui, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP and Tatia Lemondzhava, Senior Energy Specialist</i></p>
12:45-14:00	Lunch (Foyer)

14:00-15:00	<p>ESMAP and the Knowledge Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicolas Peltier, Director of Strategy and Operations, Infrastructure Vice Presidency (in person) ○ Q&A and Discussion <p>Moderator: Chandrasekar Govindarajalu, Practice Manager, ESMAP</p>
15:00-15:15	<p>Break (Foyer)</p>
15:15-16:30	<p>Parallel session 1: Translating Global Targets into Ground-Level Impact: The Power of Data, Advanced Analytics and Artificial Intelligence</p> <p>Location: MC C2-350</p> <p>This session will showcase ESMAP as a global energy data hub highlighting its roles in convening, financing, and deploying AI and geospatial analytics across client countries. The session will address how diverse datasets are translated into actionable insights and tools to directly inform global policy and country operations. The team will present knowledge and data products to help build an ecosystem that leverages AI, machine learning and geospatial technologies for bridging data gaps and guiding investment decisions.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monali Ranade, Operations and Strategy Manager, WB, will highlight how geospatial and survey data help accelerate project preparation (ASCENT) (in person) ● Nabin Raj Gaihre, Co-founder, VIDA, will explain ESMAP's role in expanding geospatial analytics and its real-world impact (in person) ● Adedayo Olowoniyi, Chief Technical Adviser to Minister of Power, (in person) <p>Moderator: Fanny Missfeldt-Ringius, Practice Manager, ESMAP</p>

15:15-16:30

Parallel session 2: Scaling up Renewable Energy: How to attract private investments with innovation

Location: MC C2-370

The session highlights key ESMAP initiatives, the Sustainable Risk Mitigation Initiative (SRMI), Small Island Developing States (SIDS)-RISE, and the Financial Innovation Window (FIW), which aim to attract private sector investment in renewable energy by structuring innovative instruments. The roundtable will present the case studies of Tunisia, Ethiopia (and in general Scaling Solar/Scaling Wind programs) and the Pacific Islands.

Presenters:

- **Amit Jain**, Senior Energy Specialist, South Asia Region (in person)

Panelists:

- Tunisia, **Anas Benbarka**, Lead Energy Specialist, Middle East and North Africa and Afghanistan and Pakistan, (MENAAP) (in person)
- Ethiopia, **Jason Lee**, Head of Operations, Transaction Advisory, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) & Corporate Finance (in person)
- The Pacific Islands, **Sudeshna Ghosh Banerjee**, Regional Director, East Asia and Pacific (in person)

Moderator: *Huong Nguyen*, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP

**Day 2 -Tuesday -May 12, 2026
ROOM MC 2-800**

8:00 am	Tea/Coffee (Foyer)
8:00-9:00	Closed Door Session: Donors- only meeting (a separate connection link will be shared for this purpose)
9:00 -10:30	<p>Holistic Solutions to Energy Transition</p> <p>This session provides on-the-ground updates on ESMAP’s innovative solutions on advancing countries’ energy transition journey and on addressing energy emergencies in the past in view of the current energy crisis. Country examples include Brazil, Türkiye and RESPITE (Sierra Leone, Liberia, Togo, and Chad).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESMAP’s dual-track support to advancing energy transition and coping energy crisis: an overview, Xiaoping Wang, Lead Energy Specialist, ESMAP (in person) ○ Energy transition and decarbonization in Brazil, Lorena Melo, Deputy Secretary for Energy Transition and Planning, Ministry of Mines and Energy and Megan Meyer, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP (all in person) ○ Energy Transition in Türkiye, Mr. Engin Bostanci, Head of Department, General Directorate of Foreign Relations, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (virtual); Stephanie Gil, Practice Manager for Energy, ECA; (in person); Tamara Babayan, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP (in person) ○ Energy emergency response operations in West Africa - Mohammed Sow, Deputy Managing Director, the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC), Anshul Rana, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank Group; Bente Taraldsten Brunnes, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP (all in person) ○ Q&A and Discussion <p><i>Moderator: Chandrasekar Govindarajalu, Practice Manager, ESMAP</i></p>
10:30-10:45	Break (Foyer)
10:45-12:00	<p>ESMAP Energy Nexus Across Sectors</p> <p>The session will feature ESMAP’s engagements across sectors to advance energy access and decarbonization from securing</p>

	<p>energy access for schools and health facilities, joint provisioning with efficient cooling, digital access, and e-mobility in the transportation sector.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agri-connect, Marianne Grosclaude, Manager of the Policy & Regulations of Farming and Agribusiness Department (in person) ○ Transport: Said Dahdah, Program Manager, Global Facility to Decarbonize Transport, (in person) ○ German Cufre, WBG Director of Digital Access, Digital and AI (in person) ○ Education: Christian Bodewig, WBG Director, Education and Skills (in person) ○ Health: Tamer Samah Rabie, Program Manager, Health System Resilience (virtual) <p>Moderator: Demetrios Papathanasiou, WBG Energy Director</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30	<p>Interconnected Future</p> <p>The session will feature ESMAP’s integrated Foundations program presenting impact across utility performance and modernization, energy markets, subsidies, digitalization, and gender inclusion.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Husam Beides, Energy Practice Manager, Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan (in person) ○ Stephanie Gil, Energy Practice Manager, ECA (in person) ○ Mirlan Aldayarov, Lead Energy Specialist, Southern Africa (in person) <p>Moderator: Ani Balabanyan, Manager, Energy, Policy & Regulations, WBG</p>
14:30 – 14:45	Break (Foyer)
14:45-15:45	<p>Grids and Storage for a Flexible and Connected Renewable Future</p> <p>This session explores the role of grids and storage in enabling VRE integration, regional energy markets, and innovative technologies to optimize the capacity of existing grids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program overview Grid and Storage — Video presentation

	<p>Nadia Taobane, Lead Energy Specialist, Regional Grids and storage RE in Africa (in person)</p> <p>Leroy G. Almendarez, CEO, Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, Belize (in person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andres Garcia-Novel, Chief Investment Officer, IFC (in person) ○ Q&A and Discussion <p><i>Moderator: Anders Pedersen, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP</i></p>
15:45-16:00	Break (Foyer)
16:00-17:00	<p>ESMAP’s Role in Multiplying the Impact of Energy Climate Finance (Fire Side Chat format)</p> <p>This session will explore the role of ESMAP in mobilizing energy climate finance for World Bank operations through the project lifecycle, from Upstream design to climate finance in Downstream implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How ESMAP and the Knowledge Bank can maximize the impact of climate finance Sean Whittaker and Megan Meyer, ESMAP (in person) ○ Climate Finance, Nadia Taobane, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank Group, (in person) ○ Looking ahead to climate finance opportunities in green hydrogen and industrial decarbonization, Dolf Gielen and Megan Meyer, ESMAP, ○ Case Study: Financing the Paraguay ATOME green hydrogen project, Nayve Martinez, IFC (in person) <p><i>Moderator: Sean Whittaker, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP</i></p>
17:00-18:30	Cocktail Reception (Front Lobby)

Day 3 – Wednesday - May 13 2026

ROOM MC 2-800

8:00-8:30	Tea/Coffee (Foyer)
8:30-10:00	<p>Clean Cooking (Open session, including Non-CG-Members)</p> <p>The session will showcase the Clean Cooking Fund’s progress, results and pipeline, while highlighting ESMAP’s catalytic role in advancing the mainstreaming of clean cooking within the World Bank Group’s agenda. The “Voices from the Ground” segment will follow a lightning-talk format, featuring concise, high-impact presentations from regional teams and private sector benefiting from ESMAP’s support on clean cooking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interventions by World Bank Executive Directors ○ Clean Cooking Fund Updates, Michelle Hallack, Senior Energy Specialist, ESMAP and Jingyi Wu, Energy Specialist, ESMAP (in person) ○ Clean Cooking Results in Tanzania, Advera F. Mwijage, Director of Renewable and Alternative Energy Technologies, Rural Energy Agency, (in person) ○ Tanzania and Rhonda Lenai Jordan Antoine, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank (virtual) ○ Clean Cooking Operation in India, Sharlene Chichgar, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank (virtual) ○ Private sector perspective, Peter Scott, BURN CEO (virtual) <p>Moderator: Fanny Missfeldt-Ringius, Practice Manager, ESMAP</p>
10:00-11:00	<p>Partnerships for Impact</p> <p>In this session, donors will present their key initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Energy for Development Program, Norway ○ Government-to-Government approach in the energy sector, Denmark ○ Global Clean Power Alliance (GCPA), Department for Energy Security & Net Zero, (DESNZ), UK ○ The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Initiatives, Germany (virtual) ○ Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) Germany (virtual) ○ The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Key initiatives, France

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transforming Energy Access (TEA) platform and Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) work, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) ○ Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels Conference, Netherlands (virtual) ○ Q&A and Discussion <p>Moderator: Hans Olav, Special Envoy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</p>
11:00-11:15	Break (Foyer)
11:15-12:30	<p>ESMAP FY2025-30 Business Plan & Communications Strategy Update</p> <p>This session presents a review of ESMAP's business plan implementation and financial position, highlighting results achieved against targets to date. It also presents the implementation of the ESMAP communications strategy, looking at how ESMAP's information and advocacy has landed with its stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FY2025-30 Business Plan and Financial Update, Stefan Agersborg, Senior Operations Officer, ESMAP ○ ESMAP Results, Aarushi Sinha, Operations Officer, ESMAP ○ Communications Strategy, Lucie Blyth, Senior External Affairs Officer, ESMAP <p>Moderator: Chandrasekar Govindarajalu, Practice Manager, ESMAP</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch (Foyer)
13:30-15:00	<p>Closed Door Session (Donors and ESMAP Management)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Closing Remarks:</i> Demetrios Papathanasiou, WBG, Director, Energy <p>Chandrasekar Govindarajalu, Practice Manager, ESMAP (a separate connection link will be shared for this purpose)</p>
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