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The Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and has the honour to state that SAARC Energy Center (SEC), Islamabad, under its approved programme of activities for 2015, intends to organize “**SAARC Perspective Workshop on Past, Present and Future of High Voltage DC (HVDC) Power Transmission**” in third week of August 2015 in Pakistan.

This workshop is being organized to facilitate experiential learning among the power transmission professionals of the SAARC Member States with respect to the bulk power transmission through HVDC options pertaining to its application. The workshop would focus on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of HVDC technological developments in comparison to the High Voltage Alternating Current Power Transmission and in view of the regional and international experiences. SEC has especially envisaged this training workshop to enhance the experience and learning of power transmission engineers and planners of the SAARC Member States with the following major objectives:

- Inform the transmission utilities professionals of the new developments, trends and challenges with respect to the bulk power transmission.
- Learning and experiences of the experts would help guiding the Member States in opting the HVDC or HVAC for their future power transmission projects particularly regional power inter-connections.
- Creating opportunity for the power transmission professionals to enhance their knowledge through interactive sessions based on regional and international experiences

The esteemed Ministry is requested to identify and forward the name of suitable Collaborating Organization and Focal Person so that this seminar is planned well in advance for its timely and successful completion. SEC will bear all costs for organizing the Workshop and the collaborating organization will be required to provide necessary administrative support and coordination.

The Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Islamic Republic of Pakistan
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