

Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop for Working Committee on Solar Pilot Auction Design

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR
December 6-7, 2018

Agenda

Day I

Part I: High-level discussions with working committee

Expected participants: Working committee and technical staff

Objectives

- To provide working committee an overview of the solar pilot auction program in Lao PDR including its policy goals, auction design process and timeline.
- To solicit feedback from working committee on auction design process and timeline
- To discuss the site selection for a solar pilot auction
- To discuss roles and responsibilities of working committee and next steps for finalization of auction design and auction implementation.

Time	Session Title and Objectives	Speaker/Facilitator
8.30-9.00	Registration	
9:00-9:15	Getting to know the working committee and the team	Facilitated by USAID Clean Power Asia
9:15-9:35	Opening remarks	H.E. Dr. Sinava Souphanouvong, Deputy Minister of Energy and Mines (TBC) Representative from USAID/Lao PDR (TBD)
9:35-9:45	Overview of workshop objectives and agenda	Dana Kenney, USAID Clean Power Asia
9:45-10:00	Coffee break and group photo	
10:00-10:20	Overview of solar pilot auction in Lao PDR A presentation highlighting rationales and trends for solar auctions, policy goals and planned activities	USAID Clean Power Asia
10:20-10:40	Planning for auction process and timeline A presentation summarizing proposed auction design process and timeline for a solar pilot auction in Lao PDR	USAID Clean Power Asia
10:40-12:00	Discussions with the Working Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and responsibilities of working committee • Discussions relevant for auction design process and timeline 	Facilitated by Chanto Milattanapheng, IREP and USAID Clean Power Asia
12:00-13:00	Lunch	

Time	Session Title and Objectives	Speaker/Facilitator
13:00-13:30	<p>Sharing experience for connecting solar projects to the power system in Lao PDR and perspectives on potential site selection for solar projects</p> <p><i>Presentation (20 minutes) and Q&A (10 minutes)</i></p>	Representative from EDL
13:30-14:20	<p>Site selection assessment for a solar pilot auction in Lao PDR</p> <p><i>Presentation and discussions for site assessment criteria, data acquisition and implication of the results</i></p>	GGGI (with facilitated discussions by USAID Clean Power Asia)
14:20-15:00	<p>Breakout session: Institutional framework</p> <p>Discuss strategies and procedures for moving forward with action plans, requirements and compliance rules for approval process and program implementation and collaboration framework with related entities.</p>	USAID Clean Power Asia
15:00-15:15	Coffee break	
15:15-16:15	<p>Meet the experts: Key elements of auction design</p> <p>Experts provide explanations and facilitate discussions on key decisions for auction design elements followed by Q&A session with experts</p>	Fabian Wigand and Ana Amazo, Navigant (via online channel) Facilitated by USAID Clean Power Asia
16:15-16:30	<p>Wrap up and closing remarks for Day 1</p> <p>Including conclusions for next steps</p>	Chanto Milattanapheng, IREP Dana Kenney, USAID Clean Power Asia

Day 2

Part 2: Capacity building and consultative sessions for auction design process

Expected participants: Technical staff (required), working committee (optional)

Objectives

- To provide capacity building on auction design process and auction design elements
- To discuss potential identified risks and introduce de-risking mechanisms
- To solicit feedback from participants on auction design process and timeline and discuss next steps

Time	Session Title and Objectives	Speaker/Facilitator
8.30-9.00	Registration	
9:00-9:10	Workshop objectives and agenda for Day 2	USAID Clean Power Asia
9:10-9:30	Introduction to auction design elements and key considerations <i>Presentation and Q&A</i>	USAID Clean Power Asia
9:30-10:15	Risk identification and roles of de-risking mechanisms in Lao PDR <i>Presentation and group discussions</i>	GGGI (with facilitated discussions by USAID Clean Power Asia)
10:15-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-12:00	Auction design process: Its overview and challenges To provide overview of auction design process and share countries' experience and potential challenges. <i>Presentation and group discussions</i>	USAID Clean Power Asia
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-14:00	Auction Design Elements I: A presentation describing general design and auction procedure elements <i>Presentation and group discussions</i>	USAID Clean Power Asia
14:00-15:00	Auction Design Elements II: A presentation describing conditions for participation and deadlines and penalties <i>Presentation and group discussions</i>	USAID Clean Power Asia
15:00-15:15	Coffee break	
15:15-15:30	Breakout session: Gender and the energy sector	USAID Clean Power Asia
15:30-16:10	Meet the experts: Experience from other countries, Q&A Experts share countries' experience and provide explanations and clarifications on auction design queries raised by participants	Fabian Wigand and Ana Amazo, Navigant (via online channel) Facilitated by USAID Clean Power Asia
16:10-16:30	Wrap up and closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap up • Closing remarks 	USAID Clean Power Asia Chanto Milattanapheng or representative from IREP