How Are Clean Energy Programs Doing in Asia?

Background
Countries, development organizations and private companies invest billions in clean energy projects with the objective of increasing energy security, supporting climate change mitigation targets, and increasing energy equity and economic growth. For these efforts to be worthy, rigorous monitoring and evaluation systems need to be streamlined, as it would be imprudent to assume that interventions in clean energy would automatically deliver the expected results on the ground.

While thousands of energy professionals are implementing hundreds of clean energy programs globally, monitoring and evaluation systems for measuring and understanding the outcomes of these efforts are cursory, non-aligned, and not truly valued by the energy community. Why is this so? And how can it be improved?

Objective
The objective of this session is to bring together a panel of experts from various backgrounds to discuss how to appropriately measure the impact of clean energy interventions in Asia and the Pacific in order to optimize the impact of clean energy programs, and how to increase the value of the monitoring and evaluation in increasing the benefits and impact of such programs.
**Agenda**

1:00 pm  Introduction of panelists and topic of discussion
1:05 pm  Short presentation on M&E of clean energy programs in Asia
1:15 pm  Discussion among panelists
1:40 pm  Q&A and interaction with audience
1:55pm  Closing remarks

**Indicative List of Speakers**

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**Speakers:**
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