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From Security to Strategy: Designing a Secure and Integrated South Asian Energy System

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Ministry of Energy Sri Lanka



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Global Definition of Energy Security

Globally, energy security is understood as the **uninterrupted availability of energy at affordable prices.**

- Availability
- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Sustainability



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South Asian Adaptation

- **Resilience against climate risks**
- **Equity of access**
- **Regional integration**

Thus, our definition is broader, more urgent, and more interconnected than the global norm.



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Energy Independence vs. Interdependence

Traditional-

Self-sufficiency—reducing imports and relying on domestic resources.

South Asia-

Independence must be redefined as **resilience, not isolation.**

- Independence covers domestic resource development, infrastructure, and innovation.
- Yet independence is strengthened by interdependence.
- Sharing surpluses, balancing deficits, and building trust across borders multiplies resilience.

Not opposites—But complementary pillars of security.



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Regional Similarities and Differences

- Similarities (shared challenges)
- Differences (resource strengths)
- Strategic implications (path forward)



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Sri Lanka's Unique Role

- Past: Island constraints, import shocks
- Future: Offshore wind, hydrogen/ammonia, maritime hub
- Actions taken: Unbundling, private sector, bankable projects, hydrogen policy



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Strategic Opportunities for South Asia – Call to Action

The time has come to move from security to strategy.

- redefine independence as resilience.
- embrace integration as the path to prosperity.
- build a South Asian energy system that is secure, sustainable, and inclusive.



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“Our region’s diversity of resources is our greatest advantage. Security is built within nations, but strategy must be shared across nations. By aligning our strengths, South Asia can move from vulnerability to resilience, and from fragmented efforts to collective prosperity. This is the journey before us—let us walk it together, for a brighter and more secure South Asia.”

THANK YOU