



Asia EDGE – Enhancing Development and Growth through Energy

The Asia EDGE initiative is a U.S. whole-of-government effort to grow sustainable and secure energy markets throughout the Indo-Pacific. Asia EDGE seeks to strengthen energy security, increase energy diversification and trade, and expand energy access across the Indo-Pacific. Asia EDGE will draw on the expertise and resources of the U.S. government, private sector, and international financial institutions. The initiative will also seek collaboration with like-minded partners to advance the rule-based economic order that has lifted billions out of poverty and enabled unprecedented growth over the past 70 years.

Asia EDGE will focus on four strategic objectives:

- 1. Strengthening the energy security of allies and partners:** Access to diversified energy sources, routes, and suppliers limits the influence of a single dominant buyer, seller, or investor and guards against those who would use energy for coercive ends. Priorities include:
 - Ensuring all nations are able to develop the resources in their exclusive economic zones without outside coercion.
 - Supporting efforts to expand regional infrastructure interconnections, supply routes, and market access.
 - Providing appropriate energy resources, technologies, and services, including through R&D cooperation, to support an all-of-the-above approach to energy security.
- 2. Creating open, efficient, rule-based, and transparent energy markets:** Open, efficient, rule-based, and transparent energy markets help countries determine their own energy futures, create a level playing field for companies and investors, and ultimately yield the best value for energy importers and consumers. Priorities include:
 - Supporting market-based national energy policies that expand commerce in commodities, advanced technologies, services, and infrastructure.
 - Fostering the development of legal, regulatory, and market development and reforms conducive to high-quality private investment.
- 3. Improving free, fair, and reciprocal energy trading relationships:** Free, fair, and reciprocal energy trading relationships increase energy security, availability, diversification, and access and encourage regional integration through trade and market development. Priorities include:
 - Leveraging development finance and export credit to catalyze private investment in energy projects.
 - Bolstering the upward trend of U.S. energy resource and technology exports and investment in the Indo-Pacific region.
- 4. Expanding access to affordable, reliable energy:** Expanding access to affordable, reliable energy, including highly efficient fossil fuels, nuclear, and renewables, can help reduce poverty, foster economic growth, and promote prosperity in Indo-Pacific countries. Priorities include:
 - Strengthening national and regional power systems including through improvements to utility models and grids and increased resource diversification.
 - Encouraging improved efficiencies among sectors (e.g., industry, construction, transport, commercial, residential) and fuel types.

