

## WEBINAR SERIES

### Enhancing Livelihoods and Creating Workforce Readiness for Clean Energy and Sustainable Transformations in Southeast Asia

#### *Background & Rationale*

Southeast Asia (SEA) is experiencing a dynamic transformation in skills development and workforce readiness, driven by technological advancements, climate imperatives, and evolving industry needs. Governments, private sector actors, and multilateral organizations are increasingly recognizing the importance of targeted skill-building initiatives to achieve sustainable economic growth, energy transitions, and youth employment outcomes. Building on high-level discussions at the CEM16 Ministerial Meeting in Busan (Aug 2025), and the momentum of the COP30 event in Belem (Nov 2025), this webinar series seeks to provide policymakers and decision-makers with a platform for knowledge exchange on global best practices in workforce development, skill-building strategies, and regulatory approaches to support sustainable economic growth and energy transition objectives.

#### *Objectives & Purpose*

The overarching goal of the series is to foster dialogue, learning, and collaboration among SEA stakeholders and global partners to strengthen skills and workforce readiness aligned with clean energy and sustainable development pathways. **Outcomes will shape the content of the other webinars in the series** to better meet the workforce development challenges and needs of participants. Specific objectives include:

- **Knowledge Exchange:** Share lessons and best practices from global and regional initiatives in workforce development.
- **Leverage Resources:** Identify gaps and highlight toolkits, regulatory frameworks, and private sector engagement strategies for SEA countries.
- **Community Strengthening:** Engage youth, policymakers, and industry actors to convene as a regional network, supporting green skills development and just transitions.

#### *Target Group*

Attendees will include perspectives from government, education and training entities, accreditation and standards organisations, academic associations, employers and others ready to support a more sustainable future

#### *Timeline*

- **Webinar #1 (Dec 2025):** Introduces EPI tools/frameworks, resources, and communities for green skilling and just transitions; provides an overview of the clean energy market in Southeast Asia; highlights shared skills development and just transition challenges regionally and globally; facilitates networking; and gathers participant input for future webinars.
- **Webinar #2 (Q1 2026):** Explores regional progress and challenges in workforce planning for clean energy transitions, including skills gap assessments, potential solutions, and coordination among government entities, educational/vocational institutions, trade unions, and the private sector.
- **Webinar #3 (Q2 2026):** Focuses on strategies from private, industry, and public sector employers to assess and address current and future skills gaps, understand policy/regulatory requirements, integrate employer insights into workforce development plans, and advance plans for a regional workforce coalition
- After the webinar series, an **EPI toolkit** will be developed (June-Sep 2026) and made available to all participants. It will highlight regional progress and scope, showcase best practices in the region, include strategies from private, industry, and public sector employers, and cover relevant regulatory approaches. The scope of the toolkit may be further expanded based on insights and discussions from the webinars.