

The LRC is steering a major initiative to promote sustainable lighting in South Asia through LED technology. Efforts reached a milestone in January when global lighting manufacturers, world finance and development organizations, and leading government representatives met to collaboratively develop a regional lighting technology roadmap—a five-year, step-by-step guide to transform the region to sustainable lighting using light-emitting diodes (LEDs).

The **South Asia Lighting Transformation Forum** took place January 17-19, in Male', Maldives, and was sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy (SARI/Energy) program.

Following is an outline of events that took place at the forum:

**January 17:** Opening ceremonies with honored government leaders, followed by a networking dinner.

**January 18:** Leaders in government, industry, finance, and academia presented information on:

- Market needs and opportunities
- Ways manufacturers can help transform region
- Funding and collaboration opportunities

**January 19:** Through interactive breakout sessions, the group collectively laid the foundation for South Asia's lighting technology roadmap.

South Asia Lighting Transformation Forum event speakers included:

#### Leading government representatives (in order of presentations)

- Hon. Mohamed Aslam, Minister of Housing and Environment, Maldives
- B. Jayaweera, General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board, presented on behalf of M. M. C. Ferdinando, Secretary, Ministry of Power and Energy, Sri Lanka
- His Excellency Mohamed Nasheed, President of Maldives
- Her Excellency Ms. Patricia A. Butenis, U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives
- Kapil Mohan, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India
- Upali Daranagama, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power & Energy, Sri Lanka

#### Global lighting manufacturers

- **Cree, Inc.** - Greg Merritt, Vice President, Corporate Marketing, USA
- **GE Lighting** - K. V. Harinarayanan, Director, Products, India
- **OSRAM Sylvania, Inc.** - Dr. Makarand H. Chipalkatti, Senior Director, SSL & Emerging Market Initiatives, USA
- **Philips Lighting** - Indranil Goswami, General Manager & Head, Lighting Application Services, India

#### World finance and development organizations

- **Asian Development Bank** - Dr. Priyantha Wijayatunga, Senior Energy Specialist
- **China SSL program** - Fu Yuan, CSA Consulting Department Manager
- **Energy Conservation Mission** - Dr. C.V. Rao, Coordinator, India
- **IFC Lighting Africa** - Dr. Anil Cabraal, Consultant, Sri Lanka
- **Joint Apparel Association Forum of Sri Lanka** - Rohan Masakorala, Secretary General
- **TERI** - Akanksha Chaurey, Director, Lighting a Billion Lives Campaign, India
- **U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR® Program** - Peter Banwell, Director, Product Marketing, USA
- **USAID** - S. Padmanaban, Director, SARI/Energy Program, India
- **William J. Clinton Foundation** - Pradeep Nair, Director, India
- **World Bank** - Gevorg Sargsyan, Program Coordinator, Climate Investment Funds

To see the full agenda and follow developments from the forum, visit [www.rclsa.net](http://www.rclsa.net).

The LRC was selected by USAID SARI/Energy in April 2009 as the "primary knowledge partner" to guide the establishment of the Regional Centre for Lighting (RCL) in South Asia. Through this partnership, the LRC has helped to develop education, training, research and testing programs, as well as strategic industry collaboration initiatives to foster regional manufacturing and job growth through the transformation of lighting to greater sustainability.



Peter Banwell, U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR Program, and Upali Daranagama, Ministry of Power & Energy, Sri Lanka and Executive Director of the RCL agree to collaborate on the development of LED test procedures and standards for South Asia.