The objective of the forum was to convene the WePOWER Partners and Stakeholders to: i) present the WePOWER's Charter, ii) highlight commitments and accomplishments of strategic and institutional partners; and iii) host technical sessions on how to enhance STEM education outreach, recruitment, development and retention of women in South Asian utilities in order to achieve higher productivity, more diverse decision-making, and better understanding of gender-based needs of staff and clients.

The program agenda included gender activity updates from WePOWER Partners and the presentation of the WePOWER Charter. Almost 100 participants, including ADB, WB, USAID, JICA representatives, and partners from all 8 South Asian countries, the USA and France. In
addition, representatives from France, Jordan, Indonesia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Zambia joined the forum.

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