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Volunteers are an important part of NARUC's International Programs

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently recruiting volunteers for activities in the coming months, with opportunities for NARUC members and energy experts to support our projects in grid modernization, renewable energy and energy efficiency, and other fields.

Who can volunteer?

We are seeking a variety of skillsets, experiences, and career fields to support our programs abroad. Volunteers can be current state commissioners and staff, former state and federal regulators, expert consultants, and experienced practitioners in the energy industry.

What kind of activities are available to participate in?

Our activity calendar contains two different types of activities as described below, and notes whether they will be held in person or remotely/virtually.:

- Speaker presentations: Volunteers present their knowledge on the topic to foreign partners and oversee a Q&A session. Volunteers help foreign partners identify actionable steps and timelines for their reform efforts.
- Peer review: Volunteers provide feedback to foreign partners on a proposed regulatory decision such as a rule, standard, permit, or other policy through written comments and/or interactive webinars

In-country activities:

- Travel with NARUC staff to the partner country for roughly one week (including travel to and from the U.S.)
- Serve as an expert as you lead discussions, provide recommendations, share lessons learned, and problem solve with foreign regulators





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Benefits of Volunteering

- Activities are fully paid for by NARUC's donors – there are no net costs for commissions or staff
- Professional development/staff retention opportunity
- Whereas paid work comes with an expectation to please the client and deliver what is requested, NARUC's peer-to-peer activities are genuine opportunities to share knowledge, exchange perspectives, and generate goodwill
- Opportunities to learn not only about other parts of the world, but about your own work, and the work and expertise of your peers
- Collaboration with fellow U.S. commissioners/staff offers new insights on common challenges
- Volunteers build networks of commissioners and staff working with NARUC's International Programs



Bring your knowledge and time. We'll do the rest!

For volunteers taking part in in-country activities, NARUC covers/reimburses: 1) economy class air travel; 2) Western-style hotels in the partner country; 3) meals while on travel; 4) ground transportation; 5) vaccinations (if needed); and 6) medical/emergency insurance while on travel. In addition, our staff will coordinate with you in advance of the activity, make all necessary arrangements (e.g., flight, hotel, visas, ground transportation, etc.), travel alongside you, and manage activity logistics every step of the way.

Sign up for our email distribution list and apply to volunteer

Volunteer solicitations are sent regularly to our mailing list, along with news about how NARUC members are solving problems and making a difference. Please email Erin Hammel (ehammel@naruc.org) and Marisa Lewis (mlewis@naruc.org) to sign up. Personal or work email addresses are acceptable. The volunteer application is straightforward, and asks for relevant expertise, approach to the topic for foreign partners, any relevant overseas experience, etc. Please make sure you have your commission/state approval before applying.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about the activities listed on the calendar, please contact the relevant NARUC staff for more details or reach out to Erin Hammel, Senior Director of International Programs, at ehammel@naruc.org.

NARUC International - Calendar of Upcoming Activities

Partner & Funder	Topic, Role, & Format	Dates	NARUC Contact
Advancing Women Leaders in Energy USAID	HR Working Group: Monthly Meetings to Develop and Implement Gender Equity Action Plans and/or Coaching for Individual Commissions to Improve Gender Equity (Virtual)	Quarterly	Beryl Taylor (btaylor@naruc.org)
Winter 2024			
Bosnia and Herzegovina USAID	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Speaker Presentations (In-country)	January 22-24 (TBC)	Beryl Taylor (btaylor@naruc.org)
Bosnia and Herzegovina USAID	Ancillary Services for the Distribution Networks, Part II; Speaker Presentations (Virtual)	January 29 (TBC)	Beryl Taylor (btaylor@naruc.org)
African Forum for Utility Regulators USAID	Performance-Based Regulation; Speaker Presentations (Virtual)	January (TBC)	Rachel Estrada (restrada@naruc.org)
Moldova USAID	Wholesale Natural Gas and Electricity Networks; Speaker Presentations (In-country)	February 4-5 (TBC)	Tamar Gegechkori (tgegechkori@naruc.org)
Malaysia U.S. Department of State	Market Development; Speaker Presentations (In-country)	February 10-12 (TBC)	Emiliya Bagirova (ebagirova@naruc.org)
African Forum for Utility Regulators USAID	Promoting Energy Efficiency; Speaker Presentations (Virtual)	February (TBC)	Rachel Estrada (restrada@naruc.org)
Upcoming Activities with Volunteers Already Selected			
Lao PDR U.S. Department of State	Establishing an Independent Energy Regulator; Peer Review (In-country)	November 19-20	Emiliya Bagirova (ebagirova@naruc.org)

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Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>USAID</i>	Ancillary Services for the Distribution Networks, Part I; Speaker Presentations (Virtual)	November 19	Beryl Taylor (btaylor@naruc.org)
Lower Mekong Regional <i>U.S. Department of State</i>	Technical Advisory Group Meeting; Speaker Presentations (In-country)	November 21-22	Rachel Estrada (restrada@naruc.org)
Lower Mekong Regional <i>U.S. Department of State</i>	Advancing Cross-Border Trade; Speaker Presentations (In-country)	November 21-22	Rachel Estrada (restrada@naruc.org)
Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>USAID</i>	Outreach Strategies for Public Communication the Green Energy Transition (In-country)	December 3-4	Beryl Taylor (btaylor@naruc.org)
Andean Regional <i>U.S. Department of State</i>	Market Mechanisms to Promote Renewable Energy and Storage Development and Integration; Peer Review (In-country)	December 11-12	Rachel Estrada (restrada@naruc.org)
Ukraine <i>USAID</i>	Market Integration; Speaker Presentations (In-person)	February 6-7	Kristina Boichuk (kboichuk@naruc.org)

All information is current as of November 11, 2024.

****All activity dates, topics, and locations are subject to change. For more information about ongoing projects, please contact a program staff member listed above or NARUC's International Programs Senior Director, Erin Hammel, at ehammel@naruc.org.