



#### The Power of Collaboration in Advancing Decarbonization Solutions

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### Global Power System Transformation (G-PST) Consortium

### What?

A global consortium focused on support to power system operators with advanced, low-emission solutions



G-PST Core Team Technical Institutes

#### Emerging Economy System Operators

Indonesia, Ukraine, Vietnam, India, South Africa, Tanzania, Morocco, Peru, Colombia, and others

### How?

#### **5** Pillars

- 1. System Operator Research and Peer Learning
- 2. System Operator Technical Assistance

3. Workforce Development

- 4. Localized Technology Adoption Support
- 5. Open Tools and Data

### G-PST around the world

#### To date, G-PST is formally partnered with 13 system operators across 12 countries.

#### Founding System Operators:

US (California and Texas), UK, Ireland, Denmark, Australia



#### Pillar 2 Formal Partner

**Countries:** Peru, Colombia, Ukraine, India, South Africa, Indonesia, and Vietnam

Many more partnerships, exchanges, and collaborations are in development.

Additional projects being explored in Thailand, Morocco, Ecuador, Panama, & Tunisia

G-PST's vision is to reduce power sector emissions by **50%** from 2020 to 2030.



G-PST's work centers on on advancing and sharing knowledge in the limiting technical areas where system operators worldwide experience the greatest challenges. We are focused on **practical action and results** that enable all countries to maximize their deployment of renewable generation. G-PST's near-term technical objective is to **operate a gigawatt-scale power system with 100% clean, inverter-based resources by 2025**.

To drive step-change in power system decarbonization and enable a broader set of system operators to achieve that milestone, G-PST is building system operator confidence and creating robust knowledge exchange among our network.

| Technical topic<br>enabling rapid<br>decarbonization | G-PST research<br>agenda work in<br>progress |
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| Power system needs and services                      | 56%  |
| Advanced techniques for resource adequacy            | 38%  |
| Grid-forming<br>technologies                         | 60%  |
| Stability tools, methods, metrics                    | 57%  |
| Control room of the future                           | 44%  |

### Partner Country System Operator Modes of Support



Peer learning with other system operators







Direct technical assistance and training

Internship and fellowship programs

Embedded expert assistance



Conducting joint applied research



# *Types* of Support to System Operators

#### Grid Integration Solutions

- Road-mapping control center modernization
- Management and real-time monitoring of power system inertia
- Oscillation source detection

#### Workforce Development

- Technical fellowships
- Partnership with local universities
- Specialized system operator continuing education

- Localized Technology Adoption
- Establish or upgrade power electronics testing capabilities
- Expert input on national equipment performance standards

#### Open Tools and Data

- Open tools to support planning and operation of high renewable energy grids
- Datasets necessary for advanced analysis

### **Control Room Upgrades**

System Operator: Indonesia's Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN)

**G-PST Partners:** National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), California Independent System Operator (CAISO)

**Projects:** Recommendations for the new Java-Bali grid control center; Upgrades of Sulawesi control center for rapid load growth and renewable energy integration.

System Operator: Peru's Comité de Operación Económica del Sistema Interconectado Nacional (COES)
G-PST Partners: NREL, EPRI
Project: Comprehensive roadmap for updating control center.

These engagements ensure power systems can operate reliably and costeffectively with increasing quantities of inverter-based resources such as wind, solar, and batteries. They also serve as examples for other countries.



### Open Tools

System Operator: Vietnam's National Load Dispatch Centre (NLDC), South Africa's Eskom G-PST Partners: NREL, EPRI, CSIR Project: Development of open-source toolbox for power system inertia monitoring

System Operator: India's Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO) G-PST Partners: NREL, ISO-New England Project: Implementation of open-source oscillation source detection tool on regional grids

This support leverages advancements under Pillar 5 (Open Tools and Data) to provide scalable tools to meet the needs of system operators with the flexibility to be applied in other G-PST partner countries.

### Peer Learning on Priority Topics

System Operator: Indonesia's PLN, India's POSOCO, Colombia's Compañía de Expertos en Mercados (XM), etc. G-PST Partners: CAISO, NREL, EPRI, EirGrid, Hawaiian Electric (HECO), Danish Technical University (DTU), and Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), ERCOT Project: Technical roundtables (knowledge-sharing sessions) on high-

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G-PST founding system operators and experts are responding to requests from system operators worldwide for peer learning on technical topics of most interest, including system flexibility, resiliency metrics, reactive power and voltage optimization, capacity procurement, cyber security, SCADA/EMS architecture, grid codes, and managing high levels of distributed photovoltaics (PV).



### Workforce Development

System Operator: Indonesia's PLN G-PST Partners: CAISO, NREL Project: Technical fellowship exchanges between power system operators, with gender equity training and professional development opportunities

G-PST also developed five curriculum modules on critical topics in power system transformation, and will launch them with university partners over the next months.

G-PST is growing its internship program for young professionals to gain hands-on experience. NREL and EPRI hosted 8 interns in 2022.



The **Women in Power System Transformation** program offers gender equity training opportunities to G-PST fellows, interns, and others, and works to advance women's participation in the power sector. 23 leaders from India's POSOCO, Colombia's XM, and Indonesia's PLN are participating this month in USAID's Engendering Industries Workforce Gender Equality Accelerated Program.

### **Standards Implementation**

### System Operator: Panama's transmission system operator (ETESA)

**G-PST Partners:** IEEE, Panama Dept. of Energy, Dispatch center (CND), Panamanian energy regulator (ASEP), utility companies (Ensa, Naturgy), solar industry and generators representatives, technical universities **Project:** Implementation of IEEE standard 1547 on integration of distributed energy resources

IEEE also published a survey of the use of, and need for, grid codes and standards for renewable integration around the world.

Implementation workshops and working groups support the many countries accelerating renewable integration that are interested in developing standards and grid codes for inverter-based and grid-forming technologies.



G-PST delivers a **unique value** in a busy landscape.

We don't do it alone.

Our collaboration makes G-PST *and* our partners more useful and effective.



Learn more about how G-PST is unlocking zero-emission, low-cost, secure and reliable power systems.

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