SEAD’s Policy Exchange Forum (SPEx) enables participants to share lessons learned and best practices on appliance energy efficiency topics. This voluntary peer-to-peer collaboration forum is open to government representatives from SEAD member and non-SEAD countries.

Why join the Forum?
The Forum enables participants to take advantage of the best practices and lessons learned by other countries; effectively identify opportunities for bi-lateral and multi-lateral collaboration, and encourages stronger relationships among peers by leveraging our collective knowledge.

How does the Forum work?
The Forum hosts informal teleconferences and webinars, focused on government-to-government exchange of information on policies, activities and opportunities related to accelerating the global pace of progress for energy-efficient equipment and appliances. Exclusively government representatives or their delegates are invited to participate in themed web-based calls, with each call focusing on a specific cross-cutting or product specific issue. This Forum offers policy makers a place to speak openly and confidentially to encourage innovative thinking. Different governments (self) nominate to present on their experiences, challenges and best practices on the chosen topics.

Participants choose the call topics collaboratively and based on interest and urgency. These calls enable policy makers and government technical experts to share experiences and lessons learned from developing appliance energy efficiency policy, and to identify bi-lateral and multi-lateral collaboration opportunities for future project work supported by interested governments and potentially by SEAD or other initiatives.

What topics are covered?
The SPEx covers a broad range of topics, from cross-cutting appliance efficiency topics to product specific issues. The first series of SPEx calls focus on:

- Product Certification Databases (Nov 2014)
- Product Prioritisation (May 2015)
- Lighting (September 2015)
- Assessing benefits and impacts of product policies

On each call, participants discuss and agree on potential future topics.

Where can I find more information?
Further information is available on the SEAD website at www.superefficient.org/spex or you can email sead@superefficient.org.

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