

## High-Level Political Forum 2023

### Global Stakeholders Online Consultation for the SDG 7 Review: Advancing Just, Inclusive and Equitable Energy Transitions

#### *Concept Note*

#### BACKGROUND

In 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which include a dedicated and stand-alone goal on energy, [SDG 7](#), calling to "ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all". Energy lies at the heart of both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the [Paris Agreement](#) on Climate Change.

In 2021, the [High-level Dialogue on Energy](#), the first global gathering on energy under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly since 1981, resulted in the [Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG 7 Action](#). The Roadmap provides a guide for collective action on energy across sectors that transcends individual and piecemeal approaches and delivers scaled-up and broad impact. Importantly, the Roadmap also includes two sets of milestones for 2025 and 2030. The Dialogue also triggered some 200 [Energy Compacts](#) with voluntary commitments of over \$600 billion USD into SDG 7. These achievements must now be used as the foundation for transformational change through just, inclusive and equitable energy transitions.

In 2023, at the [High-level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#), the central United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs, the SDG 7 will be under review for the second time (following its [2018 review](#)).

This year's HLPF will not only mark the mid-point of the 2030 Agenda, but also play a crucial role in informing and shaping the [SDG Summit](#) taking place at the General Assembly in September. The ECOSOC President's Summary of the HLPF will provide a key input for the political declaration coming out of the Summit. The review of SDG7 at the 2023 HLPF also carries particular significance given the important role of energy for climate action and the UNFCCC COP28 taking place in late 2023. Moreover, the review will provide insights towards the Global Stocktake on SDG7 Implementation to take place in 2024, as mandated by the General Assembly.

#### GLOBAL STAKEHOLDERS E-CONSULTATION

The HLPF, mandated by the [resolution 67/290](#), is envisioned as an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to the review of progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda in its entirety, including the interlinkages between Goals. Contributions from stakeholders will be the key element to promote integrated actions that cut across the three dimensions of sustainable development while creating co-benefits, addressing trade-offs, meeting multiple objectives in a coherent manner, and leaving no one behind.

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In this regard, UN DESA is organizing an online consultation to compile technical inputs on the state of implementation of the SDG7 targets from stakeholders representing different sectors and regions. The online consultation will also serve to improve stakeholders' access to information and promote broad and participatory engagement on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda implementation. It will complement and feed into other on-going processes for the SDG-specific reviews, including Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) organized by DESA, and sectorial papers prepared by Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS). Although EGMs will also allow for direct participation by MGoS representatives, online consultation will facilitate broader engagement of stakeholders and expert input.

The E-Consultation will be open to all stakeholders. A dedicated online form was set up to compile the inputs.

## OUTCOMES

To support the review of the SDG 7 at 2023 HLPF, the inputs shared from all stakeholders during the global online consultation will contribute to assessing progress and challenges regarding SDG 7 implementation.

Moreover:

- The key results and other information shared by stakeholders will feed into the various preparatory processes of the SDG 7 review, including the EGMs.
- The key results will be included in the SDG7 EGM summary note, thus informing the background note for the review of SDG 7 at the HLPF.

**SUBMIT YOUR INPUTS NOW!**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The form is intended to collect inputs from non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, major groups and other stakeholders as contributions to the review of the SDG7 at the HLPF 2023.

Please, find the link to the submission form here: <https://bit.ly/SDG7Consultation>

Extended deadline to submit inputs: **18 April 2023**.

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