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HIGH-LEVEL LAUNCH

Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report 2023 & SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023

A Special Event of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

11 July 2023, 1:15 - 2:30 PM

Conference Room 6, United Nations HQ, New York

Energy can create transformational opportunities. Yet, unprecedented levels of efforts are required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 7 – ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030. The twin challenges of universal energy access and a just, inclusive and equitable energy transition can only be solved through a globally coordinated response. Deep and rapid decarbonization of our energy systems must be urgently accelerated to fight against climate change for people and the planet.

The joint launch of *Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report 2023* and the *SDG7 Policy Briefs 2023* will inform the review of SDG7 at this year's High-level Political Forum (HLPF), at the halfway mark towards the 2030 deadline for achievement of the SDGs.

The **Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report** provides the most comprehensive look available at the world's progress towards global energy targets on access to electricity, clean cooking, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and gives the international community the latest global dashboard to register progress on the SDG7 targets. The report is prepared by the SDG7 Indicator Custodian Agencies - the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), UN DESA, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The **Policy Briefs on SDG7**, compiled by the multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group, convened by UN DESA, focus on recommendations for advancing SDG7. In addition to six regional analyses of SDG7 progress, the policy briefs include analysis on energy's interlinkages with other SDGs and on a common framework for a just energy transition.

Together, these reports present a set of recommendations essential for implementing the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG7 Action delivered as an outcome of the High-level Dialogue on Energy in 2021. This year's review of SDG7 will help inform the SDG Summit to strengthen political commitment and scale up action, including by expanding Energy Compacts as one of the High-Impact Initiatives in support of the SDG Summit. It will also provide insights in support of a Global Stocktaking on SDG7 Implementation to take place in 2024, as mandated by the UN General Assembly.

PROGRAMME *(as of 16 June 2023)*

1:15 – 1:45 - OPENING

Welcome

Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA

Keynote Address

Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations *(invited)*

Special Remarks

Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy

Mr. Haoliang Xu, Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator of UNDP

Mr. Guangzhe Chen, Vice-President for Infrastructure, World Bank

1:45 - 2:15 – LAUNCHING CEREMONY

LAUNCH OF TRACKING SDG7: THE ENERGY PROGRESS REPORT 2023

Ms. Maria Neira, Director, Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, WHO

Presentations by the SDG7 indicator custodians

World Bank representative *(tbd)*

Ms. Heather Adair-Rohani, Acting Head, Air Quality, Energy & Health Unit, WHO

Ms. Rabia Ferroukhi, Director of the Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA

IEA representative *(tbd)*

Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD

LAUNCH OF SDG7 POLICY BRIEFS 2023: ENSURING UNIVERSAL ENERGY ACCESS AND ADVANCING JUST, INCLUSIVE, AND EQUITABLE ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Presentations by the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group Co-Facilitators

Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Co-facilitator of SDG7 Technical Advisory Group

Ms. Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Coordinator, ENERGIA, and Co-facilitator of SDG7 Technical Advisory Group

2:15 - 2:25 - INTERACTIVE SEGMENT

2:25 - 2:30 - CLOSING