

ENERGYNOW

SDG7 ACTION FORUM 2024

at the margins of the 79th session of UN General Assembly High-level Week

25-27 September, 211 East 46th St, New York

Concept Note

With only six years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is in peril. The fragility of past hard-earned progress has been compounded by the climate crisis, spreading conflict, and a constrained global economic outlook. As these global crises have also impacted energy issues, progress on SDG7 - ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all - has slowed. But SDG7 can and must still be achieved. Energy is an essential ingredient for getting the world on track towards meeting the SDGs and the objectives of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The **ENERGYNOW SDG7 Action Forum 2024** will support these efforts by providing a platform to connect all stakeholder groups, including decision makers and practitioners, in support of driving momentum and mobilizing action. The Forum will showcase Energy Compacts, present success stories and best practices, and strengthen multistakeholder dialogue in support of accelerated SDG7 action. It will explore concrete ways to accelerate just, inclusive, and equitable energy transition towards net zero, building on the outcomes of UNFCCC COP28.

The Forum will take place at the margins of the United Nations General Assembly High-level Week 2024. At the General Debate, the Summit of the Future and other high-level meetings and events, Heads of State and Government and other world leaders will gather to explore solutions to the intertwined global challenges to advance peace, security, and sustainable development. The Forum will build on the Global Stocktaking marking the completion of the UN Decade for Sustainable Energy for All, 2014-2024, to further accelerate the implementation of SDG7, including discussions on the global energy agenda towards 2030 and beyond, while also leveraging the outcomes of the 5th Global Climate and SDGs Synergies Conference and the upcoming UNFCCC COP29 and the updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) which are due next year.

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

This year's edition of the SDG7 Action Forum will be an in-person meeting. Online participation will be made available in a limited manner. The working language for the meeting will be English. Interpretation into other languages will not be available. Information on how to register for participation in this event will be communicated separately in due course. This annual event is convened by UN-Energy (<https://www.un.org/en/energy>), the interagency coordination mechanism on energy within the UN system. For further information please contact the UN-Energy Secretariat at DESA (dominika.zahrer@un.org).

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