



SDG 7 Engagements at HLPF 2016

Accelerating Progress toward SDG 7: UN System Contributions

Date and Time: Thursday, 21 July 2016, 09.00-13.00

Venue: Conference Room 5, UNHQ

Context:

The aim of this event is to highlight the current status and actions being taken by UN system organizations and other leading partners in support of SDG 7 implementation as well as interlinkages between energy and other goals. Main findings from the Secretary-General's Progress Report on SDGs and the recent expert group meetings of UN-Energy will also be presented to provide the context for interactive discussions during the event.

Event Description:

The event will be hosted by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in cooperation with UN-Energy. It will feature four separate interactive discussions, each focusing on the contributions of the UN system and its partners towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7. Each session will also look at what actions will be needed in order to continue to advance towards the overall goal and how the UN system can support this momentum.

Agenda and speakers:

09.00-09.15 *Opening session*

Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General, UN-OHRLLS

Mr. Jamil Ahmad, Deputy-Director of the New York Office, UNEP

09.15-09.30 *Perspectives from UN system: Reflections from the recent UN-Energy expert group meetings*

Mr. Ivan Vera, Secretary of UN-Energy

09.30-10.15 *Session 1: Universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services*

Moderator:

Mr. Malcolm Cosgrove-Davies, Global Lead for Energy Access, World Bank

Speakers:

Mr. Marcel Alers, Head of Energy, UNDP

Mr. Werner H Obermeyer, Deputy Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations

Discussion

10.15-11.00 *Session 2: Increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix*

Moderator:

Ms. Yera Ortiz de Urbina, Senior Liaison Officer, IRENA

Speakers:

Mr. Michael Williamson, Head of Office, Office of the Executive Secretary, ESCAP

Ms. Angelica Shamerina, Program Advisor (Climate Change) and Regional Focal Point (Latin America and Caribbean), GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP

Discussion

11.00-11.45 *Session 3: Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency*

Moderator:

Ms. Sara Pasquier, Energy Efficiency Programme Manager, IEA

Speakers:

Mr. Pradeep Monga, Director, Energy and Climate Change, UNIDO

Ms. Yamina Djacta, Director of UN-Habitat New York office

Discussion

11.45-12.30 *Session 4: Nexus between energy and other SDGs*

Moderator:

Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, ESCWA

Speakers:

Mr. Alex Heikens, Senior Adviser on Climate and Environment, UNICEF

Mr. Paul Quigley, Energy Expert, UNHCR

Discussion

12.30-12.45 *Closing Session*

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE