



Draft Concept Note

**Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7:  
Expert Group Meeting on the Sustainable Development Goal 7 and its Role  
in Mitigating impacts from Climate Change**

Organized by UNDESA in cooperation with UNDP Morocco and UN-Energy

**Marrakesh, Morocco**

**13-14 November, 2016**

**BACKGROUND**

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015, Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.<sup>1</sup> The 2030 Agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets. SDG 7 is a stand-alone fully dedicated goal on energy, with five targets two of which are means of implementation. Energy SDG 7, Target 7.1 calls to “By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services.” The High-level Political Forum is expected to undertake in-depth discussion on SDG 7 in 2018.

In support of the implementation of the SDG 7 and its strong connection to climate change, the UN system including UNDESA, UNDP Morocco and UN-Energy are collaborating in the organization of an Expert Group Meeting in the margins of COP22 and the next UN-Energy meeting in Marrakesh, Morocco.

The proposed **Expert Group Meeting** will provide a platform to discuss major issues related to energy access, renewable energy and energy efficiency and their strong relation to mitigation of impacts from climate change at the global and national levels. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss how the United Nations system can help member states advance the SDG 7 and climate change objectives and recognize the synergies that may be realized if the 2030 Agenda is implemented in an integrated manner supporting the preparations of the Voluntary National Reviews, especially towards HLPF 2018.

**PARTICIPANTS**

Participants expected for this EGM include: representatives of developed and developing countries experts in energy and members of UN-Energy organizations as well as other experts attending COP22.

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly Resolution 70/1, Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, A/70/L.1 (25-27 September 2015) UNHQ, New York.

Officials from the United Nations system as well as researchers and experts from private and public sectors will support the event.

A maximum of 40 participants is contemplated.

## **ORGANIZATION**

UNDESA will lead the organization of the EGM in cooperation with UNDP Morocco, UN Energy and UN Regional Commissions. UNDESA will sponsor the participation of a limited number of participants from developed and developing countries and world experts.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The main objective of the EGM is to provide a platform to discuss major issues related to energy access, renewable energy and energy efficiency and their strong relation to mitigation of impacts from climate change at the global and national levels. More specific objectives include:

- Assess the importance of the successful implementation of SDG7 in relation to climate change.
- Share knowledge on the latest and more innovative low carbon universal energy access options with the least impacts on climate change.
- Discuss the role of renewable energy technologies in mitigating climate change.
- Review potential effective programmes to increase energy efficiency.

## **TIMING AND DURATION**

The event is scheduled for 13-14 November 2016. It will consist of a total of four plenary sessions. This will include two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions.

The tentative sessions are:

**Session 1:** The importance of the successful implementation of SDG7 in relation to climate change.

**Session 2:** Low carbon universal energy access options

**Session 3:** The role of renewable energy technologies in mitigating climate change

**Session 4:** Major impacts on climate change resulting from effective implementation of national energy efficiency programmes

## **VENUE**

The EGM will be held at Mogador Gueliz Hôtel in Marrakesh, Morocco.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

All documentation and presentations will be made available to participants in electronic format. The electronic proceedings will be published on the webpage: <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>.