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## Invitation

**The Permanent Missions of Norway, Denmark and Pakistan  
as co-chairs of the Group of Friends of Sustainable Energy**

**with**

**UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs**

have the pleasure of inviting the Permanent Representative, Deputy Permanent  
Representative or their senior representative to a

**High-Level Briefing to Member States**

**and**

**Launch of Policy Briefs on SDG7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs**

**In support of SDG7 review at the High-Level Political Forum 2018**

On Wednesday, 18 April 2018

10:00 – 12:45 PART I: Technical Segment (CR5)

13:00 – 14:30 PART II: High Level Luncheon (UN Delegates' Dining Room)

14:45 – 17:00 PART III: High Level Segment (ECOSOC Chamber)

United Nations HQs, New York

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**convened by the Group of Friends of Sustainable Energy and UN-DESA**  
United Nations Headquarter

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Energy is central to the achievement of both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. The High-Level Political Forum in 2018 will serve as a first critical milestone to review progress of SDG7 on energy toward 2030. To support this process and prepare substantive input, DESA, ESCAP and the Government of Thailand jointly convened the *Global SDG7 Conference* in Bangkok in February 2018. A set of 27 *Policy Briefs* on SDG7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs have been compiled by the multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group, composed of experts from governments, UN organisations, international organisations and other stakeholders convened by DESA.

This three-part briefing will serve as a global platform to launch the “*Accelerating SDG7 Achievement: Policy Briefs in support of the first SDG7 review at the UN High Level Political Forum 2018*” and share its key policy messages contained in *Summary for Policy Makers*.

**Programme:**

**10:00 – 12:45 PART I: Technical Briefings on SDG7 Policy Briefs (Conference Room 5)**

*A series of technical panels of experts will feature members of the multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7-TAG) and other contributors to the 27 SDG7 Policy Briefs, to share key policy messages.*

10:00 – 10:15

*Introduction*

- Minoru Takada, Team Leader, Sustainable Energy, Division for SDGs, DESA
- Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Director, ENERGIA, and Hans Olav Ibrekk, Policy Director, Energy and Climate Change, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Co-Facilitators of SDG7-TAG)

*Opening remarks:*

- Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE

10:15– 10:30

*Special session on “SDG7 Tracking: The Global Energy Progress Report. A Joint Report of the Custodian Agencies”*

- Vivien Foster, World Bank
- Laura Cozzi, IEA
- Rabia Ferroukhi, IRENA
- Maria Neira, WHO
- Leonardo Souza, DESA/UNSD

10:30 – 11:15

*Policy Briefs: SDG7 Targets on energy access, renewable energy, energy efficiency and means of implementation*

- Laura Cozzi, IEA (access to electricity)
- Maria Neira, WHO (clean cooking solutions)
- Rabia Ferroukhi, IRENA (renewable energy)
- Matti Lehtonen, UN Environment (energy efficiency)
- Marcel Alers, UNDP (financing)

*Interactive Q & A with the audience*

11:15 – 12:00

*Policy Briefs: Interlinkages between SDG7 and other SDGs*

- Rabia Ferroukhi, IRENA (energy-jobs)
- Maria Neira, WHO (energy-health)
- Sheila Watson, FIA Foundation (energy-transport)
- Rakshya Rajyashwori Thapa, UNICEF (energy-education)
- Paul Maseli, UNIDO (innovation)
- Sheila Oparaocha, ENERGIA (energy-gender)
- Mariam Traore Chazalnoel, IOM (energy and displaced peoples)

*Interactive Q & A with the audience*

12:00 – 12:30

*Policy Briefs: Regional Perspectives and beyond*

- Heidi Schroderus-Fox, OHRLLS (LDCs/LLDCs/SIDS)
- Yera Ortiz de Urbina, RCNYO (Regional perspectives)

*Interactive Q & A with the audience*

12:30 – 12:45

*Way Forward*

- Nauman Bashir Bhatti, Permanent Mission of Pakistan
- Dane McQueen, Permanent Mission of UAE
- Rikke Skou Melsen, Permanent Mission of Denmark
- Jens-Michael Bopp, Permanent Mission of Germany
- Martin Mauthe-Kaeter, European Commission

**13:00 – 14:30 PART II: High-Level Luncheon (UN Delegates Dining Room)**

*hosted by ENERGIA on behalf of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group and open to all member states*

Moderators: Sheila Oparaocha and Hans Olav Ibrekk, Co-Facilitators of SDG7-TAG

Special guests include:

- H.E. Ambassador Marie Chatardová, President of Economic and Social Council (*invited*)
- Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- Fatih Birol, Executive Director, IEA

**14:45 – 17:00 PART III: High-Level Briefings and Interactive Dialogues (ECOSOC Chamber)**

*Following the ceremonial launch of the SDG7 Policy Briefs as well as high-level remarks, senior representatives of Member States and multi-stakeholders are invited to share their perspectives in an interactive open dialogue session.*

14:45 – 14:50 Welcoming remarks

- H.E. Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan

*Moderator:* H.E. Ambassador May-Elin Stener, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway

14:50 – 14:55 Opening remarks

- H.E. Ambassador Marie Chatardová, President of Economic and Social Council (*invited*)

14:55 – 15:10 Launching ceremony: *“Accelerating SDG7 Achievement: Policy Briefs in support of the first SDG7 review at the UN High Level Political Forum 2018”*

- Introduction: Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA
- Remarks by Sheila Oparaocha and Hans Olav Ibrek, Co-Facilitators, SDG7 Technical Advisory Group
- Ceremonial submission of the report by all SDG7 Technical Advisory Group members (incl. photo)

15:10 – 15:25 Keynote address

- Fatih Birol, Executive Director, IEA
- Adnan Amin, Director-General, IRENA (*video*)

15:25 – 15:35 Special address

- Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, High Representative, UN-OHRLLS

15:35 – 15:45 Presentation: *Summary for Policy Makers: Global Agenda for Accelerated SDG7 Action*

- Sheila Oparaocha and Hans Olav Ibrek, Co-Facilitators, SDG7 Technical Advisory Group

15:45 – 16:50 Interactive Dialogue

- Member states and multi-stakeholders

16:50 – 17:00 Closing

- H.E. Ambassador Peter Lehmann Nielsen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark