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**Seminar on Mainstreaming Energy SDGs, Targets and Indicators into
Statistical Programmes in Select African Countries**

27-29 June 2016

1. We, representatives and experts of countries, United Nations agencies and other international and regional organizations and academic institutions participated in the Seminar on “Mainstreaming Energy SDGs, Targets and Indicators into Statistical Programmes,” that took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 27-29 June 2016.
2. We acknowledge and welcome the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in particular the dedicated SDG 7 on energy. We express our commitment to implement, as appropriate, effective plans, policies and strategies designed to accelerate the main core targets of SDG 7 on universal energy access, renewable energy and energy intensity in African countries.
3. Our main focus at this event was the comprehensive assessment and discussion of efforts related to the definition of energy goals, targets and indicators that can be used at global, regional and national levels. We acknowledge the importance of achieving SDG7 by 2030 and its corresponding targets and the need to define relevant indicators for monitoring progress.
4. We reviewed national energy statistical programmes in ten countries and discussed challenges and opportunities to expand and implement SDG7 in these countries. We understand the need to adapt and define, as necessary, additional targets and indicators at the national level according to national sustainable plans. We agree on the need to develop national development plans and strategies according to national circumstances. We note that this exercise requires important expertise and sound knowledge in integration planning as well as appropriate analytical tools, indicators, and additional statistical data.
5. We recognize that plans and strategies in the area of energy for sustainable development should build on the important interlinkages among the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of development. We also recognize the importance of energy as a major factor enabling sustainable development and the strong nexus between energy and other development factors. We believe that implementing Agenda 2030 and advancing the SDGs may require the collaboration of national and international organizations in an integrated manner.
6. We also note that for some countries, implementing Agenda 2030 and SDG7 may mean adapting or creating institutions or coordination bodies to help guide policies towards the realization of goals and targets. We recognize that there are a number of important international and regional organizations working towards a more sustainable energy future. We also recognize the coordination work and support from UN mechanisms and initiatives such as the UN-Energy and the Sustainable Energy for All initiative of the UN Secretary-General.
7. We recognize a number of important issues that are particularly related to many countries in Africa including:
 - The importance of pursuing universal access to reliable, affordable and sustainable energy
 - The need to pay special attention in rural areas which are the most affected for the lack of sustainable energy
 - The need to share best practices and lessons learned in relation to specific models that can be used to make energy access sustainable over time, especially in the poorest communities

- The need for comprehensive and effective support on data collection, compilation and assessment and in the elaboration of countries' energy balances
 - The need to provide effective financial support, capacity development and international cooperation for the enhancement of national statistical programmes
 - The need to provide ample support in the definition of methodologies for the analysis of energy data and the formulation of energy indicators that could effectively support the review and monitoring of the energy SDG 7 and corresponding targets.
 - The need to develop specific indicators to assess progress in the use of clean fuels and clean technologies including clean stoves for cooking.
8. We welcome the work of UNDESA and UNECA, in cooperation with other UN agencies, international and regional organizations and academia, in implementation of seminars on energy goals, targets and indicators to assess and monitor progress. We also welcome continuing efforts designed to enhance national statistical programmes.
 9. We support implementation of projects and programmes to the benefits of developing countries in the African region and the sharing of knowledge by developed and developing countries. We commend the country contributions at this 2016 Seminar on Mainstreaming SDG, Targets and Indicators into National Statistical Programmes of select African countries.
 10. We commit ourselves to sharing lessons learned and good practices that support energy for sustainable development. We recognize the importance of integrated planning activities in policy formulation and decision making. We acknowledge the importance the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development and its role in the coordination of relevant activities at the global, regional and national levels and commit ourselves to support its work.
 11. We call on the UN system, and international and regional organizations in a position to do so to support the conduct of national and international events that support the transferring of knowledge about energy goals, targets, indicators and statistics among countries and interested organizations all over the world and in particular in the Africa region.
 12. We appreciate the efforts of UNDESA together with UNECA and other collaborating organizations in arranging this international dialogue. We believe advancing energy for sustainable development will require sustained and collaborative efforts in global, regional and national knowledge networks for sharing best practices in strategy-making and implementation; assessing capacity building needs and charting out new and improved courses of action. We commend the commitment of country representatives and others to sustain the momentum generated at this seminar in moving forward the energy sustainable development goal.

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