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)

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Please RSVP to Ms. Nadine Salame of UN DESA at salame1@un.org
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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
- 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 Ibrekk, Co-Facilitators, SDG7 Technical Advisory Group
- Ceremonial submission of the report by all SDG7 Technical Advisory Group members (incl. photo)

14:50 – 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 Ibrekk, 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