

Posting Title:	Energy Research Consultant
Department/Office:	Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Sustainable Development Goals/Water, Energy and Capacity Development Branch
Duty Station:	NEW YORK
Expected duration:	Twelve (12) months
Fee:	The monthly fee will be determined based on the complexity of the task and the relevant experience of the selected candidate. For this assignment, it has been determined that it corresponds to Level B as per Annex III of ST/AI/2013/4

BACKGROUND

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development fully recognizes the critical importance of energy for sustainable development by establishing Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7), the first-ever global goal and targets on energy, including:

- By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services;
- By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix;
- By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency.

Member States have established the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) to ensure progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, SDG7 on energy will be in-depth reviewed for the first time at the HLPF in July 2018 under the theme “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”. This will provide an opportunity for the UN system to enhance international dialogue and cooperation on energy, facilitate mainstreaming of SDG7, and consolidate inputs to contribute to the thematic reviews of SDG7 and interlinked SDGs.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the consultancy is to prepare a series of technical briefs elaborating on the interlinkages between SDG7 on energy and other sustainable development goals’ focus areas, such as poverty, hunger, sustainable cities, and climate change, as well as on monitoring for SDG7. These materials are to be fed into the discussions in support of SDG 7 review at the 2018 HLPF, COP 24, The Secretary-General’s Climate Summit and the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the guidance of the Water, Energy and Capacity Development Branch at Division for Sustainable Development Goals, the incumbent will serve as energy research consultant supporting the SDG7 review process leading up to the High-Level Political Forum in July 2018, COP 24 in December 2018, The Secretary-General’s Climate Summit in September 2019 and the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014 – 2024. The core responsibilities include:

- Conduct research and analysis in support of the preparation of a series of policy briefs on SDG7 and its interlinkages. This includes the development of key communication products in relation to the results of the research, including harmonization/integration of results, infographics and presentations.
- Support the preparation of technical meetings, including the development of background documentation as needed, to discuss global SDG7 progress and present the results of the research;

- Support the preparation of technical documents in relation to the project, including concept notes, event summaries and technical reports to be fed into a variety of intergovernmental processes, including the review processes of SDG7 at the High-Level Political Forum 2018, and the Secretary General Climate Change summit in 2019
- Support the preparation of a comprehensive global policy relevant analysis with focus on SDG7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs and their means of implementation, in preparation of the global 'Energy for SDGs assessment report', to future reviews of SDG7 at the level of the HLPF.
- Manage relationships with UNDESA/DSDG partners and other relevant stakeholders as relevant to support the SDG7 review process;
- Perform other related duties, as assigned.

DELIVERABLES

In fulfilling the responsibilities specified above, the consultant will deliver the following main outputs:

1. Concept Note for a High-Level event to disseminate the Policy Briefs on SDG7 and its interlinkages during the High-Level Political Forum in New York (deadline: 15 May 2018)
2. Concept Note for a technical event of Technical Advisory Group on SDG7, where research findings will be presented and discussed (deadline: 15 June 2018)
3. Prepare concept notes for workshops and events to be organized in the framework of the project including side event during COP24 (30 September 2018).
4. Prepare visually oriented materials to further communicate the key messages from the 27 Policy Briefs on SDG7 and its interlinkages and the summary for policy makers during COP 24 and in preparation for the SG's climate summit (deadline: 30 November 2018)
5. Comprehensive global policy relevant analysis with focus on SDG7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs and their means of implementation, in preparation of the global 'Energy for SDGs assessment report' (deadline: 30 May 2019).

DUTY STATION

This consultancy is home based

TRAVEL

The consultant is expected to travel to New York, to support the review of SDG7 during the High-Level Political Forum 2018.

QUALIFICATIONS/SPECIAL SKILLS

EXPERIENCE:

- A minimum of three year of relevant professional experience is required;
- Experience in research and content development related to energy and sustainable development at international level is highly desirable;
- Experience in organizing international conferences and events with high-level participants is highly desirable;
- Experience working with a wide range of stakeholders is highly desirable;

- Knowledge and experience of UN system policies, rules and regulations, guidelines is an asset.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

The consultant should possess a post-graduate degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in sustainable development, environmental management, international relations, or other related fields.

LANGUAGE:

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. Full knowledge and fluency of English (both written and oral) is required for this consultancy. Fluency in other UN languages is an asset.

SKILLS:

The consultant should have excellent administration, organizational and time management skills, as well as the ability to plan and prioritize work duties as well as work competently under pressure and tight deadlines. In addition, the consultant should have the capacity to interact with high-level representatives from government, international organizations, CSOs, academia, etc.