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THE GROUP OF FRIENDS OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

GLOBAL LAUNCH

TRACKING SDG7: THE
ENERGY PROGRESS
REPORT

&

SDG7 POLICY BRIEFS

*Advancing SDG7 in the
time of COVID-19*



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The 2030 Agenda, with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Paris Agreement on climate change provide a pathway for a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable future for people and the planet. Despite considerable initial efforts, however, the world is not on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030. While COVID-19 is the most urgent threat facing humanity today, climate change remains the biggest threat over the long term. We must dramatically step up the pace of implementation to create a more resilient and sustainable world.

SDG7 is at the core of the 2030 Agenda as access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is interlinked to many SDGs, including poverty eradication, food security, health, education, prosperity, jobs, transport, gender equality, and climate change. Failure to transition to sustainable energy systems will jeopardize the fight against climate change and threaten human well-being and economies for decades. Governments can put clean energy at the heart of their recovery plans to make the world more resilient and sustainable.

Published annually, the Tracking SDG 7: The Energy Progress Report provides the most comprehensive look available at the world's progress towards global energy targets on access to electricity, clean cooking, renewable energy and energy efficiency. Prepared by the custodian agencies for the SDG 7 indicators - the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the UN Statistics Division (UNSD) at UN DESA, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization (WHO) - this year's report gives the international community the latest global dashboard to register progress on the SDG7 targets.

For the third time, a series of Policy Briefs on SDG 7 and its interlinkages with other SDGs, have also 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, in support of the High Level Political Forum.

The event is intended to inform relevant discussions in support of the High Level Political Forum, the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs, the implementation of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024 and other related processes.

AGENDA

Welcoming remarks by Group of Friends of Sustainable Energy

- Seleshi Bekele, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy, Ethiopia
- Dan Jørgensen, Minister of Climate, Energy & Utilities, Denmark
- Rasmus Prehn, Minister of Development Cooperation, Denmark
- Omar Ayub Khan, Minister of Energy, Pakistan
- Aksel Jakobsen, State Secretary of International Development, Norway

Special remarks

- Damilola Ogunbiyi, Secretary-General's Special Representative on Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy

Remarks by ECOSOC president

- Mona Juul, President of ECOSOC

Global Launch: Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report

Key note remarks

- Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA

Presentation of main findings

- Rohit Khanna, Programme Manager, Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP), World Bank
- Maria Neira, Director Public Health and Environment, WHO
- Rabia Ferroukhi, Director Knowledge, Policy and Finance, IRENA
- Dave Turk, Acting Deputy Executive Director, IEA
- Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division

Global Launch:

Policy Briefs on SDG7 & its interlinkages with other SDGs

Key note remarks

- Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Presentation of Summary for Policy Makers and Policy Briefs, Co-Facilitators, SDG7

Technical Advisory Group

- Hans Olav Ibrekk, Policy Director, Energy and Climate Change, Norway
- Sheila Oparaocha, Executive Coordinator, ENERGIA,

Interactive Discussion: Accelerating progress on SDG7 in the time of COVID-19

Open for interventions from Member States