

Event Note: Keynote Speaker SDG 7 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Affordable and clean energy 10:30-13:00 ET

Venue: Conference Room 4

Memo prepared by: Robert

Key Remarks (5 minutes)

- Ladies and Gentlemen, esteemed members of the United Nations, and respected colleagues, it is a pleasure to address you today.
- The international situation has greatly changed since 2015 when the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted.
- The lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the current energy and inflation crisis, have slowed progress toward most of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- We, however, have an opportunity and obligation to reverse this trend.
- **Energy is intertwined with many other SDGs, it is linked to two-thirds of the 169 SDG targets, underlining the crucial role it plays in sustainable development.**
- Ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy has the potential to bring about significant positive impacts, such as economic opportunities, job creation, gender empowerment, improved education and healthcare, equitable communities, and enhanced resilience to climate change.
- We must therefore accelerate progress towards achieving SDG7, as a critical enabler to achieving all other SDGs!

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- **Energy has a unique dichotomy.**
- **It is global in nature, yet at the same time, it is highly locally contextualized – with solutions needing to be fit for purpose.**
- At a global level, we must bolster diplomacy efforts to build greater and more ambitious political will to end energy poverty while creating greater solidarity towards the principles of the 2030 Agenda, notably the principle to Leave No One Behind.
- We must avail the financing and technologies needed to bridge current energy access gaps and put us on the path to a clean energy future.
- We can do this through the Energy Compacts which represent the largest global multistakeholder platform for advancing action on SDG7 and net-zero.
- **As a high-impact initiative, the Energy Compacts drive action on closing energy access gaps, phasing out coal-fired power, and decarbonizing our energy systems, while also growing the economy, creating jobs, and ensuring sustainable development.**
- By being part of the Energy Compacts community, we can join efforts towards a clean energy future.

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- **At the national and sub-national levels, we must push to have specific policies to expand infrastructure, upgrade technology, and achieve modern and sustainable energy targets.**
- Governments need to establish an enabling environment that de-risks investments, supports innovation, and accelerates clean energy transitions further – in such a way that it enhances energy security and benefits local populations through jobs and industrial growth.

- Energy Transition Plans (ETPs) are critical policy tools that every country should strive to have, as these ETPs provide an economy-wide multi-sectoral approach towards bridging energy access gaps while maximizing energy transition opportunities.
- Similarly, governments should develop Integrated Energy Plans (IEPs) that can help direct investment and resources effectively to meet electrification, clean cooking access, and other essential energy needs.

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- As I conclude, I would like to thank the UN Economic and Social Council for organizing this High-Level Political Forum.
- May we use this Forum to take stock, learn from the challenges we have encountered, and craft integrated approaches and solutions that can tackle the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of energy.
- Thank you for your attention.

Background	<p>Energy is a key component of both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. This session focuses on the second review of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) within the context of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF).</p> <p>You are expected to provide the “big picture” on SDG7 and interlinkages with other SDGs, as well as the possible implications and solutions for the international community and the HLPF to address the challenges at hand.</p>
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute to the global dialogue on energy access, advocate for transformative change, and foster collaborative efforts to accelerate progress towards universal and sustainable energy for all. • To galvanize action towards SDG7 as a catalyst/enabler towards achieving many other SDGs.
Logistics	<p>On-site or dial in Details: Conference Room 4, UN-NYC Note: Session will be broadcast live via UN channels</p> <p>The keynote speaker is expected to make a presentation of strictly 5 minutes.</p>

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Chair:

- **President or Vice President of ECOSOC**

Highlights

- SG progress report on SDG 7 – **Mr. Leonardo Souza**, Statistics Division of UN DESA
- **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary, UN ESCAP

Keynote/Presentation

- **Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy
- **Mr. Simon Stiell**, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

Interactive Panel Discussion

Moderator

- **Ms. Sheila Oparaocha**, Executive Director, Energia

Panelists

- **Mr. Guangzhe Chen**, Vice President for Infrastructure, World Bank
- **Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk**, Special Envoy for Climate and Security, Norway
- **Ms. Yoko Lu**, YOUNGO representative

Lead discussants

- **Mr. David Arinze**, Global Focal Point, SDG7 Youth Constituency

Respondents

- **H.E. Ms. Nawal Al-Hosany**, Permanent Representative of the UAE to IRENA
- **H.E. Mr. Yusra Khan**, Ambassador, Environment Stakeholder Member National Energy Council of the Republic of Indonesia