

President of the General Assembly's Call to Action Further Acceleration of the Implementation of SDG 7 towards 2030 and Beyond

Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all (SDG7) is essential to getting the world back on track towards meeting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the objectives of the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Without accelerated transitions to cleaner and renewable energy systems, the world will drift further away from keeping the 1.5°C goal within reach to avoid the severe impacts of climate change.

Through this Call to Action, the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session urges the following actions to further accelerate the implementation of SDG7:

- Urgently prioritize and implement measures to achieve universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services by 2030, through extending access to electricity for over 600 million people who are currently without electricity and providing clean cooking solutions to over 2 billion people still relying on harmful fuels.
- Rapidly accelerate global energy transitions and actions towards net zero emission energy systems, in a just, orderly, and equitable manner, including, interalia, through tripling renewable energy capacity globally and doubling the global average annual rate of energy efficiency improvements by 2030.
- Dramatically scale up finance and investment for developing countries, especially by tripling global investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency towards 2030, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable countries, including the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing states.
- Compellingly ensure that no one is left behind by enhancing public-private-partnerships, technology transfer, and capacity building for developing countries in creating an enabling environment for energy transitions, emphasizing the interlinkages with other SDGs.
- Urgently call on Member States and other stakeholders, encompassing the UN system, civil society, private sector, women, youth, academia, among others, through supporting this Call to Action, to follow up on the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All, as well as to sustain and strengthen international dialogue and cooperation on energy at the UN, including through a potential UN conference on energy, and to further accelerating actions and partnerships for the achievement of the SDGs and the objectives of the Paris Agreement, to ensure sustainability for people and the planet.



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