**Date & Time:** 21 June 2021, 6.00 - 7.00 EST

**Side event:** Synergies between energy access, efficiency, and expanding renewables in Africa.

**Short concept note:** This event will explore pathways and policies that consider synergies among the three SDG7 targets for Africa. Integrated and coordinated policies that span several sectors offer a vast potential to reap multiple benefits for improving human well-being with reduced investments. In this event, we will present recent research from for sub-Saharan Africa that shows there are synergies among the three SDG7 objectives. Relative to pursuing only the universal access target, integration of all three targets including the energy efficiency objective and target to expand the share of renewables could reduce growth in future energy demand. This could also allow for providing a wider range of services with distributed systems, reduce energy-use-related emissions, and lower energy related investments needed to meet SDG7. Discussion will focus on how integrated planning and policies can help achieve the SDG7 targets with additional benefits for society, economy, and environment.

**Agenda**:

6:00-6:10 – Welcome and Introduction to the Panelists

6:10-6:25 – Presentation of recent research on exploring pathways that integrate energy access, efficiency, and renewable energy policies in sub-Saharan Africa.

6:25-6:40 – Presentation on challenges and opportunities for more integrated policies for energy access, efficiency, and renewables expansion in sub-Saharan Africa.

6:40-7:00 – Q&A and Discussion

**Speakers:**

Dr. Anteneh Dagnachew, Researcher & Modeler- Energy & development, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL)

Dr. Youba Sokona, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

**Organizer/ Moderator** - Dr. Shonali Pachauri, Research Group Leader Transformative Institutional and Social Solutions Research Group, Energy, Climate, and Environment Program, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

**Online event link:**

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