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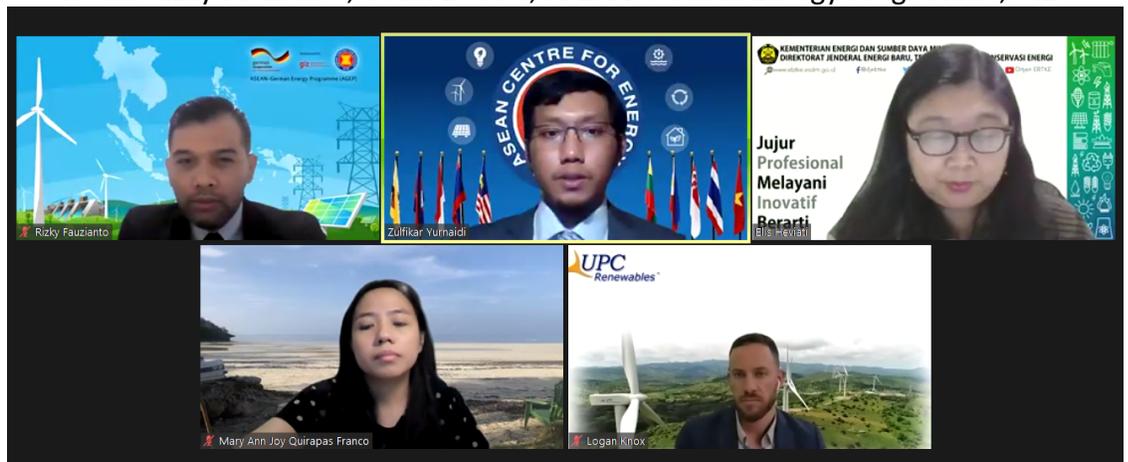


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- Event name : Escalating the Progress of SDG7 in Southeast Asia
 Event date : Wednesday, 23 June 2021, 06:00 – 07:00 EST (17:00 – 18:00 GMT+7)
 and time
 Organizers : ASEAN Centre for Energy
 Number of participants : 161
 Main speakers and brief summary : Moderator: Dr Zulfikar Yurnaidi
 Panellists:
1. Elis Hevianti, S.T., Coordinator of Bioenergy Investment and Cooperation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of Indonesia
 2. Dr Mary Ann Quirapas-Franco, Research Fellow, Energy Studies Institute
 3. Mr Logan Knox, Director and CEO, UPC Renewable Vietnam
 4. Mr Rizky Fauzianto, Team Leader, ASEAN German Energy Programme, GIZ



Brief Summary

In order to achieve SDG7: "Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all" in ASEAN, ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) held a virtual webinar on 23 June 2021 to discuss efforts in escalating the progress and tackling the challenges of rapidly evolving energy markets. The discussion focuses on how to enhance the robustness of energy policy and plan to reduce investment risks. Therefore, ASEAN can be a sustainable, equitable, and resilient energy community in reaching the SDG7 by 2030.

The event is opened with remarks from Beni Suryadi, emphasizing the importance of achieving SDG7 in ASEAN. Continued with the scene-setting presentation by Dr

Zulfikar Yurnaidi. Dr Zulfikar presented the overview of SDG7 in ASEAN. **SDG7.1.1**, five member states have reached 100% electrification however, 17.7 million households still have no access to electricity. **SDG 7.1.2**, 138.7 million people still use traditional mass for cooking. **SDG 7.2**, a substantial increase of energy demand will be met by renewable. **SDG 7.3**, ASEAN had surpassed the 2020 regional target of achieving 21.6% energy intensity reduction.

The rest of the session is a panel discussion with the following key messages from each speaker. Ms Elis highlighted the government of Indonesia's plan to enforce community engagement to increase the sense of renewable project ownership, especially in the rural area. Dr. Mary emphasized the need for continuous engagement in implementing renewable projects in rural areas to ensure a successful intervention. Mr. Logan pointed out that it is crucial to maintain sustainable growth instead of boom-and-bust cycles that has happened in Asia energy markets. Mr Rizky noted the long-standing challenges in matching the needs between donors and recipients of clean energy projects.

Key outcomes : This side event has delivered an interactive and insightful discussion between government, private business, international donors, and researchers to identify the required efforts to accelerate the progress of achieving SDG7 and tackle the challenges of rapidly evolving markets.

The scene-setting presentation provides the gap of SDG7 attainment in Southeast Asia. And the panel discussion has successfully identified the gap between regulatory frameworks and investment needs, challenges, and recommendations to minimize the associated risks in renewable energy development.

Links to livestream recording/website/social media : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYZOtrQU2QU>
<https://accept.aseanenergy.org/escalating-the-progress-of-sdg7-in-southeast-asia-webinar/>

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