

Intervention for H.E. Dr. Abdul Hussain Ali
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Your Excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen I am honoured to convey to you the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al khalifa the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and his Majesty's best wishes for the High-Level dialogue.

I would like to share with you some of The Kingdom of Bahrain's latest developments in the aspects of Sustainable Energy and reduction of Co2 emissions.

To start with, on 23 October 2019 His Majesty the king issued a royal decree to form the Sustainable Energy Authority (SEA) in the kingdom of Bahrain. I was honored to be appointed as ex Minister of Energy to position of the president of the sustainable energy authority reporting directly to cabinet on

matters relating to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The SEA is the kingdom's first authority formed by royal decree dedicated to sustainable energy and carries on progress made previously through a successful joint project between the government of Bahrain and the UNDP on sustainable energy.

Our two national action plans launched in 2017, the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan & National Renewable Energy Action Plan, have been implemented and we are able to report significant progress towards our national targets. Our target of 5% renewables in the energy mix by 2025 and 10% by 2035 has seen primarily solar projects and some wind projects either completed or approved which will account for 90% of our 2025 target. This will result in reduction of Co2 emissions by 392000 tons per year. While the target to improve energy efficiency by 6% has also seen solid progress with data indicating up to 80% of the 2025 targets already achieved through the implementation of the action plan

initiatives which results in reduction of Co2 emissions by 3.4 million tons.

I hope these insights which I have been able to share in these short 3 minutes demonstrate the Kingdom of Bahrain's sincere commitment to achieving SDG7 and a more sustainable future for all. Finally, I want to thank the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres for initiating this High-Level Dialogue.