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Event name: All Hands on Deck: Youth and Energy Compacts

Event date and time: June 24, 11:30-12:45 EST / 17:30-18:45 CEST

Organizers: SDG7 Youth Constituency, UNDP, UNIDO

Number of participants: 77

Main speakers and summary [max 300 words]:

Young people need to be considered as a key stakeholder group in the energy transition: both as a beneficiary and as an agent of change. This side event built on the ongoing effort across the UN system and by the youth organisations for greater inclusion of youth in the global energy agenda. During the event, youth and senior experts discussed draft recommendations for how stakeholders could create Energy Compacts that account for the needs of the youth and how young people could contribute to the Energy Compacts. The key inputs to the recommendations came from HLDE Theme Reports, UNDP's youth consultation toward the HLDE, early global insights of the Global Youth Energy Outlook, Vienna Energy Forum Call to Action and the Youth Sustainable Energy Hub Progress Report. The open discussion segment offered the attendees an opportunity to contribute to the conversation and share their thoughts on presented recommendations.

Speakers:

Scene-setting presentations:

Maame Boateng, Executive Office, SEforALL

Caroline Tresise, Facilitator, Community of Practice on Energy, UNDP

Cherop Soy, Thematic Focal Point for Energy Access, SDG7 YC

Mujeeb Khan, Progress Report Project Lead, YSEH

Discussants:

Frank van der Vleuten, Policy Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

Paola Carvajal, Latin America Regional Coordinator for the Global Youth Energy Outlook, Student Energy

Rana Ghoneim, Chief, Energy Systems and Infrastructure Division, Department of Energy, UNIDO

David Torre, Senior Policy Analyst, Natural Resources Canada, Canada

Nonjabulo Sokhela, Chief Executive Officer, Nepoworx

Key outcomes [max 100 words]:

In the context of Energy Compacts that empower youth, the discussants highlighted the importance of dedicated resources to supporting youth entrepreneurs and researchers who develop and implement sustainable energy in their communities. Inclusion of youth in policy processes and creation of green jobs were also high on the list of priorities. When it comes to establishing Energy Compacts by youth, the speakers recognized the importance and potential of youth organizations to develop their compacts in support of SDG 7 targets. In particular, youth organizations were encouraged to aim for ambitious commitments. Providing energy access, raising awareness in their communities and organizing advocacy efforts are some of the actions that young people can take as a part of their Compacts.

Links to livestream recording/website/social media:

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