



UNITED NATIONS HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY

STAKEHOLDERS ONLINE BRIEFINGS

17 December 2020, 8AM – 9AM (EST/New York Time)

Concept Note and Agenda

16 December 2020

BACKGROUND

The General Assembly, through its resolution 74/225, invited the Secretary-General, with the support of the relevant United Nations system entities, to convene a high-level dialogue in 2021 to promote the implementation of the energy-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in support of the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All (2014–2024) and the Paris Agreement.

The High-level Dialogue on Energy, to be held in September 2021, represents the first global gathering on energy under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly since 1981. It provides a historic opportunity to drive energy transformation in the first years of the SDG Decade of Action and support the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

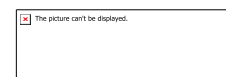
To facilitate the organization of the Dialogue, the Secretary-General has designated the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs as the Dialogue Secretary-General and the UN-Energy Co-Chairs, namely Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, and Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as the Dialogue Co-Chairs to facilitate substantive content development, and multi-stakeholder mobilization.

The Dialogue calls for concrete actions to further accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. Moreover, it is expected that the Dialogue will also feature additional voluntary commitments, including ‘Energy Compacts’, by Member States and non-state actors such as companies and sub-national authorities.

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The engagement of stakeholders from a broad range of sectors, including non-governmental organizations, civil society, academic institutions, the scientific community, local and regional governments, the private sector and philanthropic organizations will be critical for the successful outcomes of the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy.

In this regard, UN DESA as the secretariat for the High-level Dialogue on Energy will be organizing a series of online briefings in the lead up to the event in order to share information with stakeholders about the Dialogue and its preparatory process, including opportunities for stakeholder participation and contribution.





The first online briefing will be held on **17 December 2020, 8AM – 9AM (EST/New York Time)**. This session will include simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Registration of all interested stakeholders is open [here](#) by **16 December 2020**.

DRAFT AGENDA

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Facilitator: Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG, UN DESA

8:00 – 8:05	<u>Welcome Remarks and setting the scene</u> Mr. Minoru Takada , Energy Team leader, UN DESA representative as the HLD Dialogue Secretariat
8:05 – 8:25	<u>The UN High Level Dialogue on Energy – Rationale, Objectives and Expected Outcomes</u> Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi , Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, UN-Energy Co-Chair & Dialogue Co-Chair Mr. Riad Meddeb , Senior Principal Advisor for Small Island Developing States, UNDP
8:25 – 8:40	<u>Update on the preparatory process and stakeholder participation</u> Mr. Minoru Takada , Energy Team leader, UN DESA representative as the HLD Dialogue Secretariat
8:40 – 8:55	<u>Questions and Answers</u>
8:55 – 9:00	<u>Closing</u> Ms. Naiara Costa , Facilitator, UN DESA

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