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Our Mission

Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) – ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all – is essential to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. However, progress toward SDG7 targets remains insufficient, with challenges such as energy poverty, rising demand, and the need for rapid decarbonization persisting worldwide. The urgency of addressing the energy-climate-development nexus has never been greater. The UN General Assembly's decision in 2024 to extend the Decade of Sustainable Energy for All until 2030 reinforces the global imperative to intensify efforts for energy action.

The SDG7 Action Forum will serve as a vital platform to review progress, sustain momentum, and drive ambitious action. Held in the lead-up to the third review of SDG7 at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2026, the Forum will also contribute meaningful insights for COP30 and to the SDG Summit 2027, shaping the direction of sustainable development beyond 2030. By fostering collaboration and advancing innovative solutions, the Forum will play a pivotal role in addressing the world's energy challenges and achieving just and inclusive energy transitions.

	Room 1	Room 2
9:00	Registration Opens	
9:30-9:45	Opening and Welcome	
9:45-10:45	Plenary Discussion I Mobilizing a Final Push on SDG7 and Roadmap towards SDG7 review at HLPF 2026 Organizers: UN-Energy and SDG 7 TAG Follow online via the link.	
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:45	Parallel Session 1 United for Clean Cooking – A Joint UN Effort: Transforming Energy Systems to Protect Health and Advance Sustainable Development Organizers: WHO, World Bank, UNDP & FAO Follow online via the link.	Parallel Session 2 From Energy Burden to Engine of Transition: Centring Equity in the Age of AI Organizers: SDG7 Youth Constituency & SEforALL Follow online via the link
12:45-13:45	Lunch Break	
13:45 – 14:45	Plenary Discussion II Future Energy Discussions Beyond 2030 Organizers: UN-Energy Follow online via the link.	
13:45-14:45	Coffee Break	
15:00 – 16:45	Parallel Session 3 SDG7 Africa Youth Energy Forum Organizers: SDG7 Youth Constituency Follow online via the link.	Parallel Session 4 Champions of Change: Accelerating the Renewable Energy Transition Organizers: REN21 <i>In-person only</i>

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8:30	Registration Opens	
9:00-10:00	High-level Segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·High-level Remarks ·Launch of the Energy Compact Progress Report 2025 ·Launch of the SDG7 Policy Brief on LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS ·Launch of the SDG7 Policy Brief on Employment Follow online via the link.	
10:00-10:30	Break	
10:30-12:00	Parallel Session 6 Advancing a Just Energy Transition through 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy Organizers: 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy Compact & Just and Inclusive Energy Transition Compact, convened by SEforALL Follow online via the link	Parallel Session 5 Power in Numbers: Leading the Way on Gender Data in Sustainable Energy Organizers: World Bank & ENERGIA Follow online via the link
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 14:15	Plenary Discussion III Promoting Synergies for Accelerated Progress towards SDGs and Paris Agreement Organizers: UN DESA and UNFCCC Follow online via the link.	
14:15 – 14:30	Break	
14:30 – 16:00	Parallel Session 7 Sustainable Energy and Clean Water Access to Ensure Quality Education and Learning Opportunities for All Organizers: Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions Network in collaboration with UN DESA Follow online via the link.	Parallel Session 8 Just and Inclusive Transition: Evidence-Based Solutions to Advancing Sustainable Economic Growth, Productive Employment and Decent Work for Women and Girls Organizers: Gender & Energy Compact, co-led by SEforALL, GWNET, Energia, UNIDO Follow online via the link
16:00 – 16:30	Closing	

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