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Imagining the Carbon-neutral Future: Transformations in Energy and Transport

Building a Global Coalition for Sustainability after COVID-19
Session 2 of the UN DESA Global Policy Dialogues for Climate Action

Wednesday, 28 April 2021, 8:30-10:00 a.m. EDT

Introduction (2 minutes)

Ms. Ariel Alexovich, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

Opening remarks (5 minutes)

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Discussion 1: Smart Policies for Enabling Energy Alternatives (35 minutes)

- **Mr. Xiangkun (Elvis) Cao (China)**, Micro and nanoscale engineer, and finalist in the 2021 SEforALL Youth Summit “Troubleshooting for SDG 7” innovation competition
- **Mr. Adekoyejo Kuye (Nigeria)**, project lead, Manamuz Electric LTD, winner of the 2021 SEforALL Youth Summit “Troubleshooting for SDG 7” innovation competition
- **Ms. Bahareh Seyedi**, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA
- **Mr. Kandeh Yumkella (Sierra Leone)**, former chair of UN-Energy and former Director-General of UNIDO

Moderator: Mr. Jeremy Lovell, former environment editor, Reuters

Keynote remarks (5 minutes)

Ms. Kristen Siemen (USA), Vice President of Sustainable Workplaces and Chief Sustainability Officer, General Motors

Discussion 2: Sustainable and Resilient Approaches for Moving People and Goods (35 minutes)

- **Mr. Arturo Steinvorth Alvares (Costa Rica)**, Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLOCAT)
- **Ms. Stefanie Holzwarth**, Mobility Expert, UN-Habitat
- **Mr. Daniel Platz**, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA, co-author of the Managing Infrastructure Assets report
- **Ms. Kalpana Viswanath (India)**, Co-founder and CEO of Safetipin, a social enterprise which uses technology and apps to collect data for the safe movement of women in urban spaces

Moderator: Mr. Jeremy Lovell, former environment editor, Reuters

Closing remarks (5 minutes)

Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All

Conclusion (1 minute)

Moderator