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Our Mission

With only six years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is in peril. The fragility of past hard-earned progress has been compounded by the climate crisis, spreading conflict, and a constrained global economic outlook. As these global crises have also impacted energy issues, progress on SDG7 – ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all – has slowed. But SDG7 can and must still be achieved. Energy is an essential ingredient for getting the world on track towards meeting the SDGs and the objectives of the Paris Agreement on climate change.



The ENERGYNOW SDG7 Action Forum 2024 will support these efforts by providing a platform to connect all stakeholder groups, including decision makers and practitioners, in support of driving momentum and mobilizing action. The Forum will showcase Energy Compacts, present success stories and best practices, and strengthen multistakeholder dialogue in support of accelerated SDG7 action. It will explore concrete ways to accelerate just, inclusive, and equitable energy transition towards net zero, building on the outcomes of UNFCCC COP28.

The Forum will take place at the margins of the United Nations General Assembly High-level Week 2024. At the General Debate, the Summit of the Future and other high-level meetings and events, Heads of State and Government and other world leaders will gather to explore solutions to the intertwined global challenges to advance peace, security, and sustainable development. The Forum will build on the Global Stocktaking marking the completion of the UN Decade for Sustainable Energy for All, 2014-2024, to further accelerate the implementation of SDG7, including discussions on the global energy agenda towards 2030 and beyond, while also leveraging the outcomes of the 5th Global Climate and SDGs Synergies Conference and the upcoming UNFCCC COP29 and the updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) which are due next year.

DAY 1: Energizing Sustainable Development

Wednesday, 25 September

Energy plays a crucial role in enabling sustainable growth by supporting various aspects of economic, social, and environmental development. This includes ensuring access based on renewable energy in support of productive uses in a work-conducive environment based on approaches that are tailored to the specific contexts in which they are applied.

09:30	Registration Opens	
	Room 1	Room 2
10:15 – 11:15	High-level Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · High-level Remarks · Launch of the Energy Compact Progress Report 2024 	
11:15 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:30	Towards 2030 and beyond: Leveraging the UN-system in support of SDG 7 and Net-Zero Emissions Organizers: UN-Energy & SDG7 TAG	
12:30 – 13:30	Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Integrating Distributed Renewable Energy Technologies for Sustainable Development in Rural and Remote Areas Organizers: UNDP & SEforALL	Sustainable Energy and Water: Supporting Women's Empowerment and Economic Development Organizers: Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions Network
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 16:45	Report Launch: 'Mobilizing Investment for the Developing World's Sustainable Cooling Needs Organizers: IFC, UNEP & SEforALL	The Many Facets of Energy Transition: From India to the World Organizers: SEforALL & CEEW

DAY 2: Creating Pathways for Investments

Thursday, 26 September


Achieving SDG7 and net-zero emissions will require a tripling of annual global investments in clean energy. This necessitates innovative approaches and mechanisms to financing advancements on clean energy, including new outlooks that help to enable and grow markets by creating pathways for investments.

	Room 1	Room 2
08:30 – 08:50	UN-Energy Perspectives IRENA, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UN-OHRLLS	
08:50 – 09:00	Break	
09:00 – 10:30	The Global Clean Cooking Roadmap: Advances and Challenges Organizers: WHO, World Bank, UNDESA & UNDP	ENERGY COMPACTS Ambition to Action: Scaling 24/7 Carbon-free Energy in the Global South Organizers: 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy Compact - SEforALL, GRA & Google
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:15	ENERGY COMPACTS Advancing SDG7 in Central America and the Dominican Republic: The SICA Regional Energy Compacts Organizers: SICA & ECLAC	Strengthening Local Value Chains for Energy Transition Solutions in the Global South Organizers: SEforALL, Insitute for Transportation Studies, Swaniti & Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Unlocking Investments in Affordable and Clean Energy Organizers: 11VEN	ENERGY COMPACTS Challenges and Solutions to Unlock the Green Hydrogen Market Organizers: Green Hydrogen Compact - SEforALL & HIF Global
15:00 – 15:15	Break	
15:15 – 16:45	De-risking for Renewable Energy Investments: Cracking the Code Organizers: UNDP	

DAY 3: Accelerating Just and Inclusive Energy Transition

Friday, 27 September

Accelerating a just and inclusive energy transition is crucial for ensuring that the shift to sustainable energy is equitable, fair, and benefits everyone, leaving no one behind. Engaging and drawing on the full diversity of stakeholders in achieving universal access and accelerating energy transition, including through advancing digitalization, can catalyze progress and lead to co-benefits in other areas of sustainable development.

	Room 1	Room 2
09:00 – 10:30	ENERGY COMPACTS Post-2030 Vision: Prioritizing Gender Indicators for a Just and Inclusive Energy Transition Organizers: Gender & Energy Compact (UNIDO, SEforALL, ENERGIA, GWNET) and UN Women	Advancing Digitalization in Support of SDG7: Challenges and Opportunities Organizers: UNECE
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:15	Energy for Sustainable Agri-food Systems and Clean Cooking Organizers: UNDP & FAO	Mainstreaming Gender and Youth for SDG7: Challenges and Opportunities for Young Women Entering the Energy Workforce Organizers: SEforALL
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	From Concept to Impact: Energy Partnerships for Universal Access Organizers: Power For All	
15:00 – 15:30	Closing	

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