



# ENERGYNOW

## SDG7 ACTION FORUM 2025

at the margins of the UN General Assembly High-level Week

24-25 September 2025  
211 East 46th St, New York

### CONCEPT NOTE

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.

#### Objectives

The SDG7 Action Forum 2025 will **assess progress and shape future strategies**, reflecting on achievements and challenges in advancing SDG7; **mobilize multistakeholder action** by engaging governments, the private sector, civil society, and technical experts to drive collaborative, innovative, and inclusive energy solutions; **promote equity and inclusion**, including by mobilizing targeted support for least-developed countries, small island developing states, and vulnerable communities, leaving no one behind in the energy transition; and **advance integrated approaches**, highlighting energy's cross-cutting role in achieving climate action, economic growth, and broader sustainable development goals.

#### Logistical Arrangements

The Forum will be convened by UN-Energy in collaboration with the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group (SDG7 TAG), supported by UN DESA as an in-person event, with limited online participation. The sessions will be held in English, with no interpretation services provided.

Details on registration will be shared in due course. **For further information**, please contact the UN-Energy Secretariat at DESA or visit the UN-Energy website: <https://www.un.org/en/energy>.