

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Policy Dialogue on Energy for Sustainable Development Bangkok, 16 January 2017 UNCC, Conference Room 4

Tentative programme

0800-0900 hours Registration

0900–0915 hours Opening of the Policy Dialogue

Opening Statement by Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Session 1: Private sector and policy makers dialogue on creation of enabling environments to spur sustainable energy development in Asia and the Pacific

This session will focus on the role of the private sector in supporting the achievement of Sustainable Energy Goal 7, and the policy and market conditions that create the necessary environment for participation and investment in the sustainable energy sector. Means to create this environment, through the reduction of regulatory, technical and commercial barriers, along with the establishment of innovative joint-ventures and financing for energy access and renewable energy projects, will be explored.

0915-0920 hours Session Introduction

0920-1030 hours **Panel 1: Financing and Investing in Sustainable Energy**

Moderator:

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Panelists:

Mr. You Hongming, Vice President, Trina Solar
Mr. Somkiat Masunthasuwun, Senior Executive Vice President Global

Power Synergy Public Company Limited (GPSC)

3. Mr. Alexey Ponomarev, Vice President, Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology, Russia

4. Mr. Bhagwati Prasad Pandey, Special Secretary, Ministry of Power, India

5. Mr. Prasert Sinsukprasert, Deputy Director-General, Energy Policy and Planning Office, Ministry of Energy, Thailand

6. Ms. Milou Beerepoot, Regional Technical Specialist - Energy and Climate Change Mitigation, United Nations Development Programme 7. Ms. Isabel Neto, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank

1030–1045 hours Coffee Break

1045–1200 hours **Panel 2: Creation of enabling policy environments to achieve SDG 7.**

Moderator: Mr. Yongping Zhai, Technical Advisor, Energy Sector Group, Asian Development Bank

Panelists:

1. Mr. Woo Hyun Lee, CEO/President, OCI Company Ltd.

2. Mr. Olivier Duguet, CEO, The Blue Circle

3. Mr. Suwat Kamolpanus, Deputy Secretary General, Federation of Thai Industries

4. Ms. Xuantong Zhu, Deputy Division Director, National Energy Administration, China

5. Mr. Merrille Abeywickrama Goonetilleke Godfrey, Additional Secretary (Technical), Sri Lanka

1200-1300 hours Lunch break

Session 2: Tracking and Advancing Progress in Sustainable Energy

This session will offer a review of regional progress in sustainable energy. The latest data from the Sustainable Energy for All Global Tracking Framework will be presented for the Asia-Pacific region and subregions under the three pillars of energy access, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Member States are invited to contribute their knowledge and experience in advancing sustainable energy through policies and programmes, and aid in identifying internal and external factors that support or challenge progress in achieving global, regional, and national sustainable energy objectives.

1300–1330 hours Introduction and session overview

Overview of the Sustainable Energy for All Global Tracking Framework and latest data.

1330–1415 hours Tracking and Advancing Progress: Access to Energy

Presentation by the secretariat: "Regional and Subregional Trends in Achieving Universal Access to Energy"

Discussion:

- What are some of the successful policy and programme approaches from the region for expanding access to electricity and clean fuels and technology?
- What are the challenges to achieving universal access?
- Are current definitions of access adequate?
- Looking beyond the aspects captured by GTF data, what are the energy access issues that deserve attention?

1415-1430 hours	Coffee Break
1430–1515 hours	Tracking and Advancing Progress: Energy Efficiency
	Presentation by the secretariat: "Regional and Subregional Trends in Increasing Energy Efficiency"
1515–1600 hours	Tracking and Advancing Progress: Renewable Energy
	Presentation by the secretariat: "Regional and Subregional Trends in Renewable Energy"
1600–1630 hours	Investments and Financing for Sustainable Energy <i>Presentation by</i> Mr. Yongping Zhai, Technical Advisor, Energy Sector Group, Asian Development Bank
1630–1700 hours	Improving Data for Tracking Progress and Decision-Making: Pacific Regional Data Repository (PRDR) for SE4All Presentation by Mr. Solomone Fifita. Head of the Energy Programme, Economic Development Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and Ms. Natsuko Toba, Senior Economist, World Bank
1700–1730 hours	Session Wrap-Up and Conclusions





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