

**Session: UN Day Dialogue 1: Energy for sustainable development**

**Organizers: UNDP, UNIDO, UN-OHRLLS**

**Target group: Open to all participants**

**Location: Congress Centre, Plenary Room**

The UN Day at the Astana Expo will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The day starts with an inauguration ceremony and a parade in the morning. During the afternoon, two dialogues will take place which provide an opportunity for UN agencies to showcase their work and support to countries on sustainable energy.

This session is the first of the two UN Day dialogues. It brings together representatives from various institutions and highlights key opportunities and challenges in advancing energy and development goals. In line with SDG7, the dialogue will shed light on the importance of achieving the interlinked objectives of universal access, improving energy efficiency, and increasing the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix. It provides a platform for participants to discuss some of the key issues in relation to the three main targets, including the importance of leaving no one behind, the role of public and private sector in financing the transition to renewable energy, and key measures to enhance energy efficiency in the context of cities. The dialogue is also an opportunity to learn about the UN system’s support to countries in implementation of their national energy targets.

**Guiding questions:**

- *How can implementation of SDG7 be accelerated at the national level? What is the role of the UN System?*
- *What are some key measures to achieve universal access and ensuring no one is left behind, particularly in the context of LDCs, SIDS, and landlocked developing countries?*
- *Can sustainable energy for all be achieved in the context of oil-rich developing countries?*
- *What are the lessons learnt in financing renewable energy and the role of private sector?*
- *What is needed to make cities more energy efficient? What can be done to ensure social, economic, and environmental benefits of energy efficiency measures are made visible?*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Resource person</b>
14.00-14.10	Welcome	<i>Ms. Cihan Sultanoglu, UN Commissioner-General and UN Assistant Secretary-General</i>
14.10-14:20	Opening remarks	<i>Vice Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan, Mr. Sadibekov</i>
14.20-14.30	Keynote address	<i>Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, High-Representative and Under-Secretary-General for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States</i>
14.30-15.20	<b>Moderated discussion “Accelerating SDG7”</b> - Leaving no one behind: Universal energy access for all by 2030. <i>Mr. Ram Prasad Dhital, Executive Director, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPIC), Government of Nepal</i> - Financing Renewable Energy in a Changing Climate. <i>Mr. Marcel Alers, Head of Energy, UNDP</i> - Making energy efficiency visible: Energy productivity and green cities. <i>Ms. Olga Tarnaeva, Director General of Zhilkomservice</i>	Moderator <i>Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i>
15.25-15.30	Conclusion / Wrap-up	