

Session: UN Day Dialogue 2: A Nexus Approach to SDG7 implementation

Organizers: UNDP, UNESCO, IAEA, ESCAP, UNICEF, UNEP, UN Women

Target group: Open to all participants

The UN Day at the Astana Expo will take place on June 13th. 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 second UN Day dialogue. It brings together representatives from various institutions and highlights key opportunities and challenges in advancing energy and development goals. The dialogue will shed light on the interlinkages between SDG7 goal and targets and the other SDGs. It provides a platform for participants to discuss cross-cutting issues across the three main SDG targets such as the role of science, information, and technological innovation as well as capacity building and partnerships. Lastly, the dialogue will showcase experiences from the UN and other institutions in all these areas and re-emphasize the importance of integrated approaches and partnerships.

Guiding questions:

- *How can sustainable energy advance development goals, particularly for the most vulnerable including women and children?*
- *What is the role of science and education in advancing SDG7?*
- *How can energy technology and innovation be expanded at the national level, particularly in the context of developing countries?*
- *What are the lessons learnt in pursuing integrated approaches to advance climate and energy objectives?*
- *What is the role of policymakers to broker partnerships beyond the public sector?*
- *What capacity development measures are needed to ensure national and local actors have the means to implement their national energy and development objectives?*

Time	Content	Resource person
16.00-16.10	Welcome	Mr Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information, UNESCO Paris
16:10-16:15	Moderator’s opening remarks	Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development, ESCAP
16.15-17.00	Moderated discussion “A nexus approach” - Harnessing the role of education and science. Osman Benchikh, UNESCO - Leveraging the power of technology. Huang Wei, Director, NEPK, IAEA - Greening the energy, taking climate action. Natalia Alexeeva, Head of Central Asia Office, UN Environment - Role of energy in addressing development needs of children. Fiachra McAsey, Deputy Representative Kazakhstan, UNICEF	Moderator
17.00-17.20	Q&A	Moderator
17.25-17.30	Conclusion / Wrap-up	Moderator