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Regional Preparatory Meeting on Energy Issues for the 2018 Forum on Sustainable Development and High Level Political Forum
 UN-House (MZ Hall), Beirut, Lebanon, 27-28 March 2018

Agenda

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

- 8:15 – 9:00 **Registration**
Sponsored participants are kindly asked to bring their passport, visa stamp and airline ticket stub to the meeting.
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Opening Statements**
- Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- Ms. Jamila Youssef Matar, Director of Energy Department, League of Arab States, Egypt (LAS)
 - Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon
- 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development: Setting the stage
 Review of the Agenda
 Discussion

Session I Achieving Sustainable Energy in the Arab Region: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities

- Moderator: Ms. Jamila Youssef Matar, Director of Energy Department, LAS, Egypt
- Rapporteur: Ms. Maya Mansour, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA

9:30 – 9:45	Global Tracking Framework Regional Report - <i>Arab Region Progress in Sustainable Energy: Key findings</i>
9:45 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA</i> Arab Sustainable Energy Strategy
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break/Networking

Session II	Financing Sustainable Energy
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Moderator:	Ms. Glada Shona Lahn, Senior Research Fellow Energy, Environment and Resources, Chatham House the Royal Institute, United Kingdom
Rapporteur:	Mr. Mongi Bida, First Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA
11:00 – 12:30	Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Tessa Jantine Terpstra, MENA Regional Envoy for Water and Energy Security Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Jordan</i> • <i>Mr. Hussain Mugaibel, Global Lead Energy Specialist, Islamic Development Bank, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i> • <i>Ms. Molly Anne Walton, Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency, Paris</i> • <i>Mr. Raed Bkayrat, Managing Director, Clean Energy Business Council, United Arab Emirates</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Group Photo/Lunch Break

Session III	National Perspectives on Energy-related Monitoring in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Achievements, Strategies and Plans
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Moderator:	Mr. Muhieddin Mahmoud Tawalbeh, Manager of Energy Efficiency and Solar Thermal Division, Royal Scientific Society/National Energy Research Center, Jordan
Rapporteur:	Ms. Maya Mansour, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA

13:30 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Mohina, Undersecretary for Authorities Follow up, Ministry of Electricity, Egypt</i> • <i>Ms. Ola Sidani, Economic Officer/ SDGs Focal Point, Office of the President of the Council of Ministers, Lebanon</i> • <i>Ms. Muna Mubarak Alnaemi, Expert in Economics Energy Affairs Department, Ministry of Energy and Industry, Qatar</i> • <i>Mr. Adil Ali Ibrahim Khalafallah, General Director of Policy and Planning, Ministry of Water Resources Irrigation and Electricity, Sudan</i> • <i>Mr. Fadi Bkirat, President-CEO, Palestine Global Energy and Environment Organization-CEEP-NGO, Palestine</i> • <i>Mr. Ali Jassim Mohammed Alhesabi, Manager-Environment & Safety, FOULATH, Bahrain</i> • <i>Others ... TBC</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break

Session IV Partnership to Advance Interlinkages between Energy and Other SDGs

Moderator: Mr. Najib Saab, Secretary General, Arab Forum for Environment and Development, Lebanon

Rapporteur: Mr. Abdou Fares, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA

15:15 – 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Govind Kelkar, Senior Advisor Gender, Land and Productive Assets, Landesa Rural Development Institute, India</i> • <i>Mr. Abdellatif Boutouta, Assistant Director of Rural Equipment and infrastructure, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Tunisia</i> • <i>Ms. Syham Bentouati, Managing Director, NAFAS International LLC, Oman</i> • <i>Ms. Joudy Al Kuzbari, Student of Economics and Intern in the Middle East Program of Energy policy and Security at Issam Fares Institute at American University of Beirut, Lebanon</i>
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Session V Setting the Stage for the Working Groups

16:45 – 16:55 Mr. Mongi Bida, First Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA

16:55 – 17:00 End of Day 1

Wednesday, 28 March 2018

Session VI Achieving Progress towards SDG7: Regional Priority Actions and Means of Implementation

Moderator: Mr. Ali Ahmed, Director Program on Energy Policy and Security in the Middle East, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Rapporteur: Ms. Maya Mansour, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA

9:00 – 9:15 Achieving progress towards SDG7: Policy Brief
Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA

9:15 – 09:45 Discussion

09:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 – 12:00 Working Group Discussions

Group 1 Energy Access

Facilitator: • *Ms. Molly Anne Walton, Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency, Paris*

Rapporteurs: • *Ms. Shada Nabil Mahmoud Al-Sharif, Sustainability & Low Carbon Development Consultant, Jordan*
• *Ms. Maya Mansour, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA*

Group 2 Energy Efficiency

Facilitator: • *Ms. Glada Shona Lahn, Senior Research Fellow Energy, Environment and Resources, Chatham House the Royal Institute, United Kingdom*

Rapporteurs: • *Mr. Abdullah Sulaiman Marhoun Al-Abri, Technical Lead, Petroleum Development Oman, Oman*
• *Mr. Mongi Bida, First Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA*

Group 3 Renewable Energy

Facilitator: • *Mr. Mustapha Taoumi, Energy Technology Expert, EU-GCC Clean Energy Network, United Arab Emirates*

Rapporteurs: • *Mr. Abdessalem Khazen, Director of Renewable Energy, National Agency for Energy Management, Tunisia*
• *Mr. Abdou Fares, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA*

12:00 – 13:00	Reporting Back by Working Groups
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Moderator:	Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA
Rapporteur:	Mr. Abdou Fares, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA
12:00 – 12:10	Group 1: Energy Access, Priorities and Means of Implementation (MoI) Discussion
12:10 – 12:20	Group 2: Energy Efficiency, Priorities and MoI Discussion
12:20 – 12:30	Group 3: Renewable Energy, Priorities and MoI Discussion
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion of Key Messages
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

Session VII	Review of the Revised Draft Outcome Document
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Moderator:	Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, SDPD, ESCWA
Rapporteur:	Ms. Maya Mansour, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA
14:00 – 14:20	Presentation of Revised Outcome Document <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Mongi Bida, First Economic Officer, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA</i>
14:20 – 15:00	Discussion and Final comments on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Priorities• Means and Implementation• Key Messages
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break

Session VIII	Closing Session
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Moderator:	Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA
15:30 – 15:35	Discussion of Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, SDPD, ESCWA
15:35 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 15:55	Closing statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LAS• ESCWA
15:55 – 16:00	End of the meeting
