

Concept note

**10th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (IFESD),
7-8 October 2019, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand
From Targets to Action**

National Sustainable Energy Action Plans – from Commitments to Actions

Final workshop of the UNDA project “Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in
Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia”

in the framework of
the sixth session of the UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency (GEEE)

**09:00-17:00, Tuesday 8 October 2019
Venue: UN Conference Centre**



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Background and Rationale

UNECE, jointly with UN ESCAP, is implementing the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project “Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia”. The goal of the project is to strengthen capacities of beneficiary countries (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan) for the preparation of National Action Plans to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to energy. Under the project, national reports that include a baseline review of sustainable energy data in each beneficiary country have been prepared to assess the existing gaps in data collection. National case studies have been developed, and a synthesis report has been prepared to provide an analysis of these case studies and give the assessment of existing policies and practices in sustainable energy, focusing on existing regulatory and institutional frameworks and pointing out gaps and challenges that governments face in implementing these policies.

Based on the reports and other activities under the project, consultants from the project countries have developed draft National Sustainable Energy Action Plans, which will be presented. The discussion will be linked to the UNECE project “Pathways to Sustainable Energy” which seeks to provide an answer on how countries can attain sustainable energy. The project is an important vehicle for understanding the gaps that exist in meeting the energy-related objectives of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and opportunities available to close that gaps. This workshop will also have a subregional dimension and will explore what alternative pathways countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia might consider for achieving their national targets while contributing to global and national objectives.

Delegates will be invited to exchange experiences, good practices and discuss possible recommendations for policymakers that would assist them in reforming and adjusting policies aimed at achieving targets of SDG7 and at fostering favourable climate for investments in sustainable energy.

Tentative Agenda

Session 1: Transition to Sustainable Energy – Understanding Gaps and Analyzing Options		
9:00 – 9:10	Introductory remarks on the implementation of the project by project managers <i>Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, UNECE</i> <i>Mr. Sergey Tulinov, Economic Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP</i>	
9:10 – 10:00	Overcoming gaps in data collection and improving gathering and processing sustainable energy data	
	Presentations by representatives of the beneficiary countries	<p><i>Mr. Abulfaz Karimov, Deputy Head of Energy and Environment, State Statistical Committee, Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Inna Eliseyeva, Head, Section of Analysis and Forecasting of Energy Saving Development, Department for Energy Efficiency of the State Standardization Committee of Belarus</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Andrei Malochka, EU4Energy Country Expert for Belarus</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gogita Todradze, Executive Director, National Statistics Office of Georgia (GEOSTAT)</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Dinara Shayakhmetova, Chief Expert, Department of Services and Energy Statistics, Committee on Statistics, Ministry of Economy, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Ainura Nurbaeva, National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30	Open discussion	
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45 – 11:00	Presentation of the Analysis of National Case Studies	<i>Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, UNECE</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Progress in the Areas of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Selected Countries of the UNECE Region	<i>Ms. Nadejda Khamrakulova, Independent Expert</i>
11:15 – 12:00	Panel Discussion	<i>Ms. Nurangiz Farajullaeva, Ministry of Energy, Azerbaijan</i>



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12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break	
Session 2: Transition to Sustainable Energy – Developing Course of Action		
13:30 – 14:30	National Sustainable Energy Action Plans – an instrument for implementation of practical steps	
	Presentations by representatives of the beneficiary countries on developing draft National Sustainable Energy Action Plans	<p><i>Mr. Valeh Nasibov, Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Andrey Malochka, Belarus</i></p> <p><i>Mr. George Abulashvili, Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Sergey Katyshev, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Shamil Dikambaev, Kyrgyzstan</i></p>
14:30 – 14:50	Open discussion	
Session 3: Pathways to Sustainable Energy		
14:50 – 15:15	Implementing Pathways to Sustainable Energy in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia	
	Presentation: Pathways to Sustainable Energy Phase I – Results and Insights	<i>Mr. Holger Rogner, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA)</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 16:45	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interventions from target countries - Key challenges and barriers towards sustainable energy in the region - Planned energy infrastructure development - Policy and technology solutions for the Central Asian region - Reactions to proposed policy scenarios 	<p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Iva Brkic, UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Nazir Ramazanov, Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Natalia Jamburia, Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Tatiana Vedeneva, Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Nizomiddin Rakhmanov, Uzbekistan</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Andrey Malochka, Belarus</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Sergiu Robu, Moldova</i></p>



	Interactive discussion with audience - Key future sustainable energy challenges and solutions for subregions	Panellists All participants
16:45 – 17:15	Closing comments of the Workshop	