



3rd Almaty
Energy Forum

Workshop 1 – Inter-regional seminar: Sharing lessons learned and best practices from the development of SDG 7 Roadmaps



8 November 2023
9:00 – 13:00 (UTC/GMT +6 hours)
Al-Farabi Hall

BACKGROUND

The United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project “Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19” is being implemented jointly by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The objective of this project is to improve the capacity of policymakers by supporting them to develop SDG 7 Roadmaps which enable the delivery of both the sustainable energy transition and the economic recovery from COVID-19. The participating eight countries are at different stages of Roadmap development, while one country (Kiribati) has completed its Roadmap. These countries are member States of UNESCAP, with three of them (Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan) are also member States of UNECE.

The Roadmap development initiative commenced in 2019 by ESCAP following the Second Asian Pacific Energy Forum (APEF), which mandated the Secretariat to help member States achieve SDG 7. To date, ESCAP has developed over 20 national and sub-national Roadmaps. These Roadmaps have underscored the imperative for governments to intensify their efforts in developing and implementing energy policies that align with the recommendations outlined in the Roadmaps. Furthermore, the Roadmaps have presented ambitious scenarios that go beyond the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7. They have encouraged countries and cities to explore opportunities for reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050, thereby demonstrating an unwavering commitment to sustainable energy transition.

The Road Maps have also stimulated additional requests for ESCAP's technical assistance in endeavours related to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 7. As an illustration, in Bhutan, a significant and ongoing clean cooking project is being carried out, with the objective of achieving universal access to clean cooking by 2030. This has led to the signing of an agreement between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of Singapore, in accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which will provide financial support for the project's implementation.

For more information about the event please visit

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This inter-regional seminar is intended to allow project countries, which are participating in the roadmap development process, to share their lessons learned and best practices through regional dialogue. Interested participants from other countries in the region and energy experts/professionals are welcome to join.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

- To highlight findings and recommendations from SDG 7 roadmaps developed or under development in the participating countries.
- To share lessons learned and best practices throughout the roadmap development process.
- To identify common challenges to implementing the recommendations and discuss ways to address them collectively.
- To identify common capacity building needs within countries in order to be able to follow up effectively on the roadmaps.

The event will provide an opportunity to share perspectives and learn from one another on common priorities and approaches to address the energy transformation challenges facing member States in different subregions.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Enhanced capacity for the participating countries to implement recommendations from the SDG 7 Roadmaps through dialogue and pooling collective knowledge of challenges and opportunities. The seminar will also explore opportunities for ECE, ESCAP and UNDP to support countries developing strategies, policies and plans in follow up to SDG 7 roadmaps.





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AGENDA

09:00

Introductory/welcome remarks

09:10

Mr. Michael Williamson, Section Chief, Energy Division, UNESCAP (online)
Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE

09:10

Introduction and scene setting

09:20

Overview of the National Expert Sustainable Development Goal 7 Tool for Energy Planning (NEXSTEP)
• Mr. Anis Zaman, Associate Professor of Sustainable Development, Murdoch University (online)

09:20

Presentation

10:50

Country presentations on lessons learned from development of SDG 7 Roadmaps

- Mr. Suren Shatvoryan, National Consultant, Armenia
- Mr. Yernar Bilyalov, National Consultant, Kazakhstan
- Ms. Ueaniti Kiritimati, Assistant Energy Economist, Energy Planning Division, Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy, Kiribati (online)
- Ms. Tatiana Vedeneva, President Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Development (CREEED), Kyrgyzstan
- Mr. Faustino Yarofaisug, Assistant Secretary, Energy Division, Department of Resources & Development, Federated States of Micronesia (online)
- Ms. Ganchimeg Chimed, Foreign Cooperation Division, Ministry of Energy, Mongolia
- Ms. Krittiya Petsee, Plan and Policy Analyst, International Affairs Division, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Thailand (video message)
- Mr. Ruben Jeronimo Freitas, President, National Authority for Electricity Public Institute, Timor-Leste (online)
- Mr. Rakhimjan Babakhodjaev, National Consultant, Uzbekistan

Facilitated by Ms. Anna Lobanova, Sustainable Energy Specialist, UNESCAP

Q&A audience

10:50

Coffee break

11:10



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- 11:10
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11:40
- Panel discussion**
- “How SDG 7 Roadmaps can support countries to recover from multiple crises - COVID-19, slowing global growth, inflated commodity prices and turmoil in the financial sector”**
- Participants will discuss how SDG 7 Roadmaps can help better recover from COVID-19 and other crises.
- Ms. Tatiana Vedeneva, President Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Development (CREED), Kyrgyzstan
 - Mr. Vitaly Bekker, UNECE Consultant
 - Representative of MDB
 - Representative of think tank/research organization
- Moderated by Mr. Sergey Tulinov, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP
- 11:40
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12:40
- Presentation**
- Dialogue on challenges and opportunities in developing SDG 7 Roadmaps and common findings across countries**
- Participants will reflect on the national experiences and identify the overlaps between national roadmap recommendations; drawing together common needs and priorities for capacity development as well as implementation of the recommendations.
- Moderated by Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
- 12:40
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12:50
- Wrap-up, next steps, and closing**
- Mr. Michael Williamson, Section Chief, Energy Division, UNESCAP (online)
Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE

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