



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM  
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

## **Regional Preparatory Meeting on Energy Issues for the 2018 Forum on Sustainable Development and High Level Political Forum**

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Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

# **2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development: Setting the stage**



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# Sustainable Energy in the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030

SDGs will stimulate actions over the next 15 years in 5 areas of importance



17 SDGs, 169 Targets, 240 Indicators

# SDG 7: Targets & Means of implementation

**#7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030**

**Target 1:**

Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services.

**Target 2:**

Increase substantially the share of RE in the global energy mix.

**Target 3:**

Double the global rate of improvement in EE.

a) Enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including RE, EE and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology.

b) Expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in accordance with their respective programs of support.

# Sustainable Energy in the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030



# HLPF : Central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

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- GA Resolution 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development” calls on regional and sub regional commissions and organizations to support member countries in follow-up and review at the regional and sub regional levels.
- The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) process has already been initiated in the Arab region:
  - For 2016: Egypt and Morocco
  - For 2017: Jordan and Qatar
  - For 2018: **Bahrain, Egypt (for the 2nd time), Lebanon, Palestine, Qatar (for the 2nd time), Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and the United Arab Emirates.**



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## 2016

### Ensuring that no one is left behind

First forum since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs

22 countries presented their National Voluntary Reviews

## 2017



### Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world

43 countries presented their National Voluntary Reviews

## 2018



### Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

First global review of SDG7 on energy

48 countries will present Voluntary National Reviews

## 2019



### Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

Summit level

under the auspices of the UN General Assembly

# SDG7:Multi-Stakeholder Preparation for 2018 HLPF

- **Initiated by UNDESA, an Ad Hoc Informal Multi-stakeholder Technical Group of Advisors on Sustainable Development Goal 7** was put in place and included UN System (including UN RCs), international organizations, governments, Civil Society, Youth and gender organizations.
- Scale up actions in support of SDG7 achievement and intensify engagement to strengthen the forthcoming SDG7 review at HLPF, through **support to VNRs and other outreach platforms** such as Regional Forums on Sustainable Development.
- A Roadmap towards the review of SDG7 at the 2018 HLPF resulted in **27 Policy Briefs** on different aspects related to SDG7 including Means of Implementation (MoI) and on the regional perspective. UNESCWA Lead Author/contributing Author on 10 Policy briefs, including the one on the Arab region.
- Organizations of **coordination meetings and Global Conference on SDG7** (Bangkok, Feb.2018), a Side Event to IRENA General Assembly (UAE, Jan.2018), Preparatory meeting on Energy (27-28<sup>th</sup> March.2018) and Regional Forums, among them the AFSD (24-26<sup>th</sup> April 2018).

# Arab Forum for Sustainable Development (AFSD)

## Regional Preparations for High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

**Arab High Level Forum on Sustainable Development**  
Amman, 2-4 April 2014

**Second Session of the Arab High-Level Forum on Sustainable Development**  
Manama, 5-7 May 2015

*\* Included Side Event on Water for Sustainable Development*

***Adoption of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development***  
***New York, September 2015***

**2016 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development**  
Amman, 29-30 May 2016

**2017 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development**  
Morocco, 3-5 May 2017

**2018 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development**  
Beirut, 24-26 April 2018

*\* Includes special session on water and the SDGs*



***AFSD 2018 Theme: Natural Resources, Future Generations and the Common Good***



# Revised Outcome Statement for Consultation & Submission to AFSD and HLPF 2018

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## Key Challenges in the Arab Region:

### *Develop more sustainable energy systems to meet development goals :*

1. Improve access to electricity/Clean energy in rural areas & LDCs
2. Increase substantially energy productivity / energy efficiency
3. Make renewable energy meet the very large potential of the region

## **Priority Actions**

1. Develop suitable policies & institutional frameworks
2. Develop institutional capacity
3. Strengthen local governance
4. Manage natural resources more sustainably & in a holistic manner
5. Develop more rational use of the region's energy resources
6. Enhance interregional cooperation

## **Means of Implementation**

1. Promote investments in clean technologies / financial market & local market enablement
2. Develop/reinforce technology dissemination & transfer
3. Initiate/ reinforce capacity building programs
4. Develop/reinforce energy data, indicators and analysis systems

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