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Information briefing on International Fora on Energy for Sustainable Development

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Concept Note

The information briefing¹ will feature key events and activities:

1. International Fora on Energy for Sustainable Development and the Energy Ministerial featured at the opening of the Future Energy Expo in Kazakhstan (Astana, Kazakhstan, June 2017)
2. Prospects for Energy Ministerial in 2020
3. Key flagship projects on energy for sustainable development underway.

International Fora on Energy for Sustainable Development, June 2017

Energy is the golden thread that weaves throughout the 2030 Agenda and is at the core of meeting the world's quality of life aspirations. Delivering on the 2030 Agenda requires transforming the energy sector – there is an imperative for profound and immediate changes in how energy is produced, transformed, transported, and consumed. Previous international fora provided an important opportunity for countries to reflect on the challenges to achieve the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals and attain the Paris Climate Agreement objectives. The previous fora have explored countries' strategic options, how the regional commissions and other players can assist, and the gaps between current actions and needed outcomes. The Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and Energy Ministerial are expected to propose solutions. The Energy Ministerial will take place on 11 June 2017.

The Government of Kazakhstan and UN Regional Commissions, i.e. ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA and UNECE, have collaborated to organize and deliver these fora, and the event has been described as the one at which the UN's energy conversation takes place. Partners include, among others, the IEA, the World Bank, IRENA, C2E2, SE4All, a host of private companies and NGOs, member States, and, within the UN, UNDP, DESA, UNIDO, IAEA, and UNEP.

Prospects for UN Energy Ministerial in 2020

The draft ministerial outcome document calls on the community of international organisations and other stakeholders involved in energy to coordinate their support for countries' efforts across a range of activities. It also calls for convening ministers regularly under the auspices of the United Nations to assess progress on pledges. All of the regional commissions have engaged in consultations with member States on the outcome document, and the prospects for a UN Energy Ministerial emerged from those consultations.

Key flagship projects underway

In 2017 the World Bank will produce its third Global Tracking Framework (GTF) report on SDG7, and this edition will feature chapters dedicated to the regions. In parallel to producing those chapters, the UN regional commissions are preparing full-fledged reports for their respective regions. As a follow-up to this work, the regional commissions are gearing up to produce reports in the future that go beyond SDG7 and address all of the energy-related SDGs. UNECE has embarked on a so-called pathways project, a scenario-based exploration of strategic choices that will inform countries' decisions and provide an early warning system to alert if objectives are not being met. This project fits neatly with the follow-up to the GTF work.

¹ The briefing will take place at margins of the [Sustainable Energy for All Forum](#) (New York, 3-5 April 2017).