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Accelerate Private Sector Investment to Meet SDG7 and Energy Transition Goals in Africa

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8:00 – 9:30 am (EST); 15:00 – 16:30 (EAT)

United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable
Development, on-line

The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), in accordance with resolutions of the General Assembly, provides political leadership, guidance and recommendations on sustainable development, and offers a platform for dialogue. In this regard, the HLPF 2023 focuses on **Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels**. Recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 and increasing momentum towards achieving SDG goals are essential to remain on track towards the 2030 goals.

In relation to this objective, this side-event focuses on addressing the current gaps in accelerating SDG7 goals in Africa and sustaining increased momentum towards 2030. The side-event will particularly focus on the crucial area of private sector investment participation in accelerating electricity access and renewable energy development in Africa, accelerate energy transition and build further resilience in addressing the negative impacts of COVID-19 on SDG7 in Africa. The theme of the side-event is **Advancing Regulatory Improvements to Accelerate Private Sector Investment to Meet SDG7 and Energy Transition Goals in Africa.**”

In discussing the role of conducive policy and regulatory (P&R) frameworks in crowding-in private and proposing viable ways forward to accelerate financing of Africa's electricity Infrastructure development, the side-event will: (1) present the latest SDG7 status and progress report of the UN to stakeholders and high light key findings and recommendations; and (2) create a platform for dialogue on policy and regulatory challenges and solutions to accelerate private sector Investment In the electricity sector of Africa. Participants to the side-event will have the opportunity to take stoke of the latest assessments and insights and contribute their perspectives and solutions through this dialogue.



Agenda

08:00 – 8:10 am	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Robert Lisinge, Acting Director, Private Sector Development and Finance Division, UNECA
08:10 – 8:30 am	Progress towards SDG 7 in Africa: status update and key emerging issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Anthony Monganelli, Economic Affairs Officer at UNECA- Mr. Andrea Renzulli, Head of Policy and Regulation, RES4Africa
8:30 am – 9:10 am	Advancing regulatory and policy improvements to accelerate private sector investment in electricity access and transition in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Robert Lisinge, Acting Director Private Sector Development and Finance Division, UNECA- Mr. Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General of RES4Africa Foundation <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Mr. Yohannes Hailu, Economic Affairs Officer at UNECA</p>
9:10 – 9:30 am	Q&A session

