



Launch of Team-Energy Africa

Proposed side event, 8th session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Organizers: ECA/OES-TCND, the Africa Energy Chamber, and SEforALL

Draft Concept Note

Context

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa announced “*Team-Energy Africa*” during the 4th Africa Business Forum in 2021. The private sector, as an engine of growth that drives productivity, innovative financing and inclusivity of participation - which in turn drives inclusive economic growth - is critical for Africa’s transformation. It is even more so if most of the private sector participation in Africa is from Africa’s private sector. Team-Energy Africa aims to serve as a catalyst for transformative private sector investments in clean energy under the ECA’s SDG7 Initiative. Team-Energy Africa aims to bring together Africa’s private sector and investors in clean energy to join forces and work with member States, development partners and international private sector to mobilize the needed finance for clean energy in Africa. Team-Energy Africa is an informal coalition of like-minded investors keen on investing in, and championing, Africa’s energy transformation.

Objective

This side event, by the ECA, the African Energy Chamber, and the secretariat of Sustainable Energy for All, will bring together initial members of Team-Energy Africa for a soft launch of the initiative ahead of the planned presidential launch and championing envisaged for June 2022 .

Speakers (tbc):

- **Vera Songwe**, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- **Damilola Ogunbiyi**, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy
- **NJ Ayuk**, Executive Chairman, African Energy Chamber
- **Honorable Kandeh Yumkella**, Member of Parliament, Sierra Leone and Former Director-General of UNIDO and CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All
- Various African entrepreneurs and financiers in the energy/infrastructure sectors.