

**Concept Note**  
**Government-Business Dialogue in Achieving SDG7**  
**Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum**  
**5 April 2018**

**Background**

ESCAP is organizing the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum from 3 to 5 April 2018 at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand. The Forum is a platform for reviewing and discussing progress achieved in efforts to address energy security challenges within the framework of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7). It will help to facilitate ongoing dialogues among member States with a view to enhancing energy security in efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Business sector plays an important role in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7. In this connection, a government - business dialogue will be organized during the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum on 5 April to discuss the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 and exploring business opportunities along this process.

Key factors in accelerating the implementation of SDG7 evolves around policies, technologies and investment. Sound policy framework, frontier technologies and increased investment provide opportunities to reshape energy systems that contribute to the attainment of SDG7. As technological advancement and investment are mostly made by private sector, policy makers could develop a better policy framework to embrace these developments and provide an enabling policy framework to adopt and adapt technologies and provide clear signal for private investment in attaining SDG7 targets on access to energy, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The Government-Business Dialogue will provide an opportunity for both Government officials, private sector and development banks representatives to interact to develop a better understanding in developing policies, promoting frontier technologies and increasing investment to accelerate the implementation of SDG7.

**Objectives**

1. Unfold the role of frontier technologies and private investment in accelerating the implementation of SDG7
2. Underpin the role of Governments in supporting private sector to explore business opportunities and investment for SDG7
3. Identify scope for regional cooperation in exploring business opportunities of achieving SDG7 with increased investment from private sector and development banks

Time and Date: 0900-1200 hrs, 5 April 2018

Venue: Conference Room 4, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok