ARAB LAUNCH OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL 2014-2024

Agenda

Time: Monday, 23 March 2015, 16h00 to 19h00
Venue: Kempinski Hotel, Amman, Jordan

16:00 – 16:30 Opening Ceremony & Launch of the UN Decade of SE4All 2014-2024

Opening statements:
- Opening statement of Mr. Abdalla Al-Dardari, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- Opening statement of Mr. Minoru Takada, New York Office, Representative and Director, Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- Opening statement of H.E Ibrahim Seif, Minister of Energy and Mines Resources, Representative of the Government of Jordan as host country and Patron of the Launch

16:30 – 16:45 A presentation by the SE4All Secretariat

A presentation by Mr. Minoru Takada, New York Office, Representative and Director, Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, addressing the following topics:
- Opportunities associated with the role of sustainable energy, as defined in the SE4All initiative, as an enabling ingredient of social and economic sustainable development in the region, including in the energy-water-food nexus, as well as the energy-women-health nexus;
- Efforts required for mobilizing the financial resources needed to achieve the SE4All objectives in the region; and available / potential financial resources at the international level;
- Role of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, including the proposed Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on energy.

16:45 – 17:00 Presentation of the United Nations Executive Secretaries’ Hammamet Joint statement

Mr. Mongi Bida, First Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon

Q & A

17:00 – 17:10 Break
17:10 – 18:50  
**High-Level Ministerial panel**

- H.E Omar Kettana, Minister, Palestinian Energy Authority, Palestine
- Mr. Essa Bin Hilal Al-Kuwari, President, Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation (Kahramaa), Doha, Qatar
- Mr. Kamel Ben Naceur, Former Minister of Industry, Energy and Mines, Tunisia
- Ms. Jamila Youssef Matar, Plenipotentiary Minister, Director of Energy Management, League of Arab States (LAS), Cairo - Arab Republic of Egypt
- Mr. Tareq Emtairah, Executive Director, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), Cairo, Egypt
- Ms. Houda ALLAL, General Director of OME, Observatoire Mediterranean Energy, Paris, France

**Open discussion**

*Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

**High-Level Ministerial panel** to engage a discussion on Viable Roadmaps to accelerate the pace of implementing energy efficiency programmes in the Arab region, while addressing the following issues:

- How can we rationalize the use of energy subsidies and provide efficient and effective ways to protect vulnerable groups, while not inhibiting sustainable development? Is there a risk of creating new vulnerable groups if we don’t address the issue properly?
- What are the different ways to encourage the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, and the establishment of new partnerships leading to concrete change on the ground? Would these approaches be specific to each country? Is there common features for these partnerships that can be used as a basis in each Arab country to built successful models?
- The inter-linkages between energy efficiency, energy access and renewable energy:
  One of the assertions made by *The first SE4All Global Tracking Framework* is that, “Because they [The three SE4All objectives] are related and complementary, it is more feasible to achieve all three jointly than it would be to pursue any one of them individually”.
  Does this statement fully apply to our region? Are there criteria for prioritizing these objectives in the presence of limited resources? Which objective is the most relevant to our region, and which one of them can be used as a pacemaker for the other two?
- Early success-stories in the region related to the SE4All objectives. What were their main success conditions?

18:50 – 19:00  
**Closing Statements**

- Mr. Abdalla Al-Dardari, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

19:00  
**End of the Ceremony / Cocktail reception (hosted by UNDP and RCREEE)**