



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Regional Preparatory Meeting on Energy Issues for the 2018 Forum on Sustainable
Development and High Level Political Forum**

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Setting the stage for the Working Groups

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Group Discussion: Context

- ***Outcome Document on sustainable energy issues:*** Conclusions of the group discussions will feed into the final Draft to be submitted for discussion at the Arab Forum for sustainable Development
- ***Revised Outcome Document*** will be an input into the Arab regional perspective at the HLPF in New York in July 2018
- **3 Working / Discussion Groups:**
 - **Energy Access**
 - **Energy Efficiency**
 - **Renewable Energy**
- **Discuss both specific and widely applicable** challenges/ recommendations from each participant's country's perspective/experience with respect to energy related sustainable development goals issues

Group Discussion: Process

- ***Participants divided into the 3 groups:*** Attempted in each group to ensure diversity in terms of country representation, gender and expertise
- ***Provide substantive input through participatory and engaging discussions / No power point presentations are expected***
- ***Discussion conducted / input provided through a structured process and Guiding questions (already received by each participant) that will be introduced by the **Facilitator** of each Discussion Group***
- ***Proposed Generic Structure for the working groups:***

10 mins	Welcoming by the Facilitator and setting the stage by presenting the guiding questions
60 mins	Interactive discussion and Brainstorming by topic
30 mins	Preparation of the Outcomes of discussion summarized in accordance with a template
10 mins	At the Plenary session: presentation of the outcomes of the group Discussion by the Rapporteur supported by the Facilitator if deemed necessary

Group Discussion: Main Contributors

Group 1

Energy Access

Group Members:

As per Group list

Facilitator:

- *Ms. Molly Anne Walton, Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency, Paris*

Rapporteurs:

- *Ms. Shada Nabil Mahmoud Al-Sharif, Sustainability & Low Carbon Development Consultant, Jordan*
- *Ms. Maya Mansour, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA*

Group 2

Energy Efficiency

Group Members:

As per Group list

Facilitator:

- *Ms. Glada Shona Lahn, Senior Research Fellow Energy, Environment and Resources, Chatham House the Royal Institute, United Kingdom*

Rapporteurs:

- *Mr. Abdullah Sulaiman Marhoun Al-Abri, Technical Lead, Petroleum Development Oman, Oman*
- *Mr. Mongi Bida, First Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA*

Group 3

Renewable Energy

Group Members:

As per Group list

Facilitator:

- *Mr. Mustapha Taoumi, Energy Technology Expert, EU-GCC Clean Energy Network, United Arab Emirates*

Rapporteurs:

- *Mr. Abdessalem Khazen, Director of Renewable Energy, National Agency for Energy Management, Tunisia*
- *Mr. Abdou Fares, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, ESCWA*

Group Discussion: Further details

- **Framework for discussions:**
 - Guiding questions: specific to each group (facilitator to provide details)
 - Reported Key points organized based on the structure of the draft Outcome Document (initially circulated), addressing the following topics:
 - ✓ Discussion of related **Key Challenges**
 - ✓ Discussion of related **Priority Actions** (over the next 4 years / towards 2030)
 - ✓ Discussion of associated Means of Implementation : **1. Promoting investments/ 2. Technology Dissemination and Transfer/ 3. Capacity Building / 4. Energy Data, Indicators and Analysis**
- **When:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018
 - Group Discussions:** 10:00 – 12:00
 - Reporting Back by Working Groups:** 12:00 - 13:00
 - (Presentation: 10 min. per group / discussion of key messages: 30 min.)

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