

**High-Level Event**  
**National Contributions to SDG 7 and Sustainable Energy for All**  
**Astana EXPO-2017: Exploring New Horizons**

**10:00 – 13:00, Tuesday 31 May 2016**  
**ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters**

**Co-organizers:**

**Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan, UN DESA, UN-OHRLLS,  
Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All), National Company Astana-EXPO-2017,  
Nazarbayev University, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY  
G-Global International Secretariat, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA),**

This High-Level Event (HLE) will serve as a platform to exchange ideas and experiences on how the United Nations, governments, the private sector and civil society can work towards the goal of universal access to energy by 2030.

To realize a future with sustainable energy for all, many national governments are already in the process of implementing integrated country actions that will strategically transform their energy systems by improving policies and introducing projects on-the-ground. The meeting will illustrate how Kazakhstan is creating a national policy to effect progressive changes. EXPO 2017, to be held in Astana, on the theme, The Future Energy, is the country's offer to SDG7 and SE4All. It will display highlights of this international exhibition with state-of-the-art renewable sources of energy applicable to both developing and developed countries to meet their challenges.

Interactive discussions with leading experts in the field of sustainable and renewable energy will elaborate the excellent opportunities and promising potential for key stakeholders to develop partnerships and share global solutions for SDG 7 on Energy, and thereby enhance the effectiveness of Sustainable Energy for All. It will also be a platform to share views on how renewable sources can be harnessed in different regions of the world, in particular, those countries in special situation. Delegations from 60 developing countries will be supported by the Government of Kazakhstan to come to Astana to participate in the exhibition.



It is expected that during the discussion, a new global initiative will be announced by Astana EXPO 2017, which is the launch of a unique programme for teaching students engineering skills to create innovative projects in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Children from 250 schools in Kazakhstan, as well as 250 schools in 50 developing countries, will be chosen to participate in this stimulating endeavor that will aim to nurture the talents of our next-generation leaders.

### Speakers

**H.E. Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS)

**H.E. Mr. Lenni Montiel**, Assistant-Secretary-General for Economic Development (UN-DESA)

**Ms. Rachel Kyte**, Chief Executive Officer, SE4All and Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All)

**Mr. Kairat Kulbayev**, Head of Department, National Company “Astana EXPO 2017”

**Dr. Kanat Baigarin**, Vice-President for Innovation, Nazarbayev University

**Dr. Murat Karimsakov**, Deputy Head, G-Global International Secretariat

**Ms. Margo LaZaro**, Co-Chair, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, UN Representative of International Council of Women and Global Family

**Dr. Marcie Black**, Co-founder and CEO, Advanced Silicon Group (Boston, USA).

Presentation by a **representative of the Earth Institute, Columbia University**

Presentation by a **representative of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**

They will be joined by representatives of UN entities, Member States, NGOs and academia in a Q & A session followed by an interactive dialogue

### Moderator

**Dr. Albert Binger**, Energy Science Advisor for the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, and former Chair, Strategic Planning for the Global Environment Division, Rockefeller Foundation, New York.

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