



Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Energy Future We Want for All

Thematic Consultation on Energy with Partners from Mexico, Central & South America and the Caribbean region

20-21 March 2013
Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

Background

With 2015 fast approaching, much work remains to accelerate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). At the same time, we must begin to think beyond 2015. This dialogue has already begun, as evidenced by the “Rio+20”, and governments will discuss and decide a post-2015 development agenda over the next years.

To contribute to these discussions, the United Nations system, in partnership with civil society actors, businesses and governments, is facilitating a global “conversation” on a post-2015 development agenda through a series of national consultations and global thematic consultations to mobilize ideas from a broad range of stakeholders. One of the eleven thematic consultations is on energy.

Energy stands at the center of global efforts to induce a paradigm shift towards poverty eradication, green economies and ultimately sustainable development. In many ways, the global conversation about energy and sustainable development is already fully underway. The last five years have seen an increasing interest in energy, from the declaration by the UN General Assembly (GA) of 2012 as the “International Year of Sustainable Energy for All”, and more recently the GA named 2014-2024 the “Decade of Sustainable Energy for All”. Recognizing the importance and urgency of energy challenges, leaders in government, business and civil society have built global awareness of the importance of energy for sustainable development. Importantly, the 2012 Rio+20 Conference also showed a continued interest in energy.

Objective

This consultation on energy to be held in Mexico is a part of a series of the global consultation meetings to discuss the links between energy and the post-2015 development framework. It aims to facilitate an open dialogue with stakeholders from Mexico, Central & South America and the Caribbean region on a few key questions: why energy matters, what are the challenges/opportunities, and how to effectively integrate energy into the post-2015 agenda.

In particular, it aims to:

- Contribute to a broad-based dialogue on the role of energy in the post-2015 development framework that include all stakeholders, i.e. governments, businesses and civil society actors;
- Mobilize a wide range of stakeholders to build a shared vision on a set of critical priority areas and global objectives on energy that should be integrated within the post-2015 development agenda, building on past experiences and on-going processes and initiatives; and
- Ensure that findings of the thematic consultation on energy are fed into post-2015 framework development and other related processes towards 2015.

The consultations should consider a range of issues related to energy in all three dimensions of sustainable development: social, economic and environmental. For this purpose, the discussions will be facilitated around the four key topics:

- **Promoting Universal Energy Access**
- **Increasing Energy Efficiency**
- **Increasing the Use of Renewable Energy**
- **Energy-Sustainable Development Nexus** (including crosscutting issues such as water, food security, climate change, gender inequalities)

The **Framing Paper** provides details of the proposed focus areas for consultation and a set of suggested questions to guide the discussions.

Participation:

Participants will be drawn from multi-stakeholder groups including civil society (NGOs, foundations, youth organizations, academics, research centers, women, faith-based organizations, etc.), the private sector, international organizations, UN agencies, and the media. To ensure synergies with formal processes under inter-governmental processes, government representatives will be invited as observers.

Processes and Deliverables:

The deliberations during this consultation in Mexico will be summarized in the form of a standalone report on Energy and the Post-2015 Development Agenda with focus on perspectives from the region. This report, together with the reports from the other face-to-face and online consultations, will be synthesized into a global synthesis report on the thematic consultations on energy. The global synthesis report, as well as reports from individual consultations, will form the basis for discussion and recommendations to be put forward at a high-level event in Oslo, Norway, in April. These efforts are meant to inform on-going post-2015 processes, including the Oslo High Level meeting on Energy, the Secretary-General's Post-2015 High Level Panel and the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Secretary-General's reports to the General Assembly on the post-2015 framework.

The overall global processes on thematic consultations on energy consist of the following:

- **Global on-line consultations with stakeholders**, using the common UN-Civil Society platform <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/>, and complemented by other platforms such as the UN-Energy knowledge platform.

- **Face-to-face consultations with various stakeholders** from civil society, youth, businesses and governments. These include regionally-oriented consultations in Mexico, Tanzania and India.
- **A final global synthesis report** with a summary of results of all relevant consultations (regional consultations, on-line and other face-to-face meetings) and key recommendations on how energy should be addressed and integrated into the content of the post-2015 development agenda.
- **A High-level meeting on “Energy and the post-2015 development agenda”** to be held in Oslo on 9th April 2013, to consider the results of the consultations and propose key recommendations.

To learn more about the post-2015 consultations, join us at: <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/energy2015>.

Organization:

This consultation to be held in Mexico is led by the government of Mexico in collaboration with UN system. It is part of the global consultation processes on energy led by UN system, in partnership with the governments of Mexico, Norway, and Tanzania as Co-Hosts of the thematic consultation on energy. Together they form the global Steering Committee that guides the entire energy thematic consultation process.



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Draft Agenda

Venue: Gran Museo del Mundo Maya

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Unidad Revolución, Ex-Cordemex.
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March 20th		
<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
Setting the scene - The World We Want - Envisioning the Future Together		
8:30	Registration	
9:00	Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. José Antonio Meade K., Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico - Mr. Rolando Zapata Bello, Governor of the State of Yucatan Mr. Leonardo Beltrán, Undersecretary of Planning and Energy Transition, SENER - Mr. Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Bureau for Development Policy Office, UNDP - Representative of Private sector - Representative of Civil Society

		Organizations - Representative of Academia
9:40	Key Note Address	Dr. Juan Carlos Belausteguigoitia, Executive Director of the Mario Molina Center
11:00	Overview of the Thematic Consultations Processes	Mr. Minoru Takada, Senior Advisor to the Secretary General on Energy.
11:30	Energy and post-2015: A global perspective	A panel composed of 5 global personalities (Members of the SG high- level panel, energy consultation global on-line moderator, global CSO, businesses, one/two regional people) with a moderator Moderator: Dr. Lourdes Melgar, Undersecretary of Electricity, Secretary of Energy
13:30	Lunch	
15:30 Parallel stakeholder tracks: Energy's linkages with MDGs and Sustainable Development (Four key topics: Access, Renewables, Efficiency, and the Energy-Development Nexus)		
Track 1	Civil Society Organizations Facilitator:	Panel discussion for each of the four topics, followed by open debates
Track 2	Private Sector Facilitator:	Panel discussion for each of the four topics, followed by open debates
Track 3	Academia and other stakeholders Facilitator:	Panel discussion for each of the four topics, followed by open debates
18:00-20:00	Cocktail offered by the State of Yucatan Guided tour to the Gran Museo del Mundo Maya	
March 21st		
9:00-10:30	Plenary Energetic Efficiency Renewable Energies	Representatives from each stakeholder group will compose the panel Moderator:
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	

10:45-12:15	Plenary Energy access and its importance as an element for development	Representatives from each stakeholder group will compose the panel Moderator:
12:30-13:30	Plenary Conclusions: Energy and the Post-2015 development framework: Merida recommendations of the Latin American and Caribbean Energy consultation	Moderator: Dr. Lourdes Melgar, Undersecretary of Electricity, SENER. Discussions
13:30-14:00	Plenary Closing remarks	Dr. Lourdes Melgar, Undersecretary of Electricity, SENER Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Bureau for Development Policy Office, UNDP

15:00-20:00	Cultural Activity. - Visit to Chichen Itza. Spring equinox, the descent of Kukulcán by sunset.
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