



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2025



Gender Indicators for Sustainable Energy: A Call to Action

Organizers: ENERGIA, ESMAP/World Bank, GWNED, IEA, IRENA, SEforALL, UNDESA, UNIDO, UNSD, UN Women, WHO.

Format: In Person with Live Webcasting

Connection Details: [TBC]

Date: July 17th, 2025

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 PM

Venue: UN Headquarters | Conference Room 7

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The 2025 UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, will take place from **Monday, July 14th to Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025**. The forum will include a **three-day ministerial segment, running from July 21st to 23rd**, as part of ECOSOC's High-level Segment. This year's HLPF will center on the theme: *"Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind"*.

The 2025 HLPF will be a pivotal moment for gender equality, featuring the third and final in-depth review of SDG5 (achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls) as part of the ongoing follow-up to the 2030 Agenda. Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, this year's HLPF is also expected to be a milestone for bold, transformative action by Member States and stakeholders to accelerate progress on SDG7 and its interlinkages with SDG5 over the next five years and beyond.

Event Description

As the world struggles to meet SDG7 targets, women's empowerment in sustainable energy offers a powerful, often overlooked solution that can unlock progress for everyone. However, progress has been too slow, especially for women, as highlighted in UN Women's [Gender Snapshot 2024](#).





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With the links between energy and gender equality well-recognized, gender equality is fundamental to a sustainable energy transition, making tracking progress through gender indicators essential. Nonetheless, SDG7 is one of only six SDGs that lack a dedicated gender indicator. When energy was first established as a standalone goal in 2015, the evidence for gender-specific indicators was limited. Today, however, with a growing body of data, the case for gender-responsive energy metrics is stronger than ever.

The UN recognized energy access as a key investment priority in 2023, aiming to revitalize SDG progress. Simultaneously, UN Women has long championed a gender-just energy transition as vital for advancing gender equality and women's rights. This aligns with a 2019 UN General Assembly resolution that underscored gender equality's crucial role in accelerating sustainable energy.

Achieving sustainable energy targets requires a paradigm shift that explicitly integrates gender equality. Gender data is vital for informing gender-responsive policies, shaping targeted project design, establishing measurable targets and tracking progress towards gender equality within the energy sector. Organizations like the IEA, IRENA, and the World Bank are already pioneering data collection, actively helping to close the gender data gap.

Under the guidance of the **UNDESA-led multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group** and in line with its mandate to advance the implementation of SDG7 and its interlinkages with other Sustainable Development Goals, a coalition of partners, including energy custodian agencies¹, the co-conveners of the Gender & Energy Compact², and UN Women, developed the Policy Brief *"Gender Indicators for Sustainable Energy: A Call to Action."* This brief underscores the critical interlinkages between SDG5 and SDG7 and presents a clear path forward for adopting gender indicators in sustainable energy.

- **Side Event: Launch of the Policy Brief**

Against this theme, the organizers will host a Side Event at the HLPF 2025 to **mark the official launch of the Policy Brief**, advocating for gender indicators as a fundament for an inclusive, just, and effective energy transition. The session will bring together Member States and intergovernmental representatives, gender experts, civil society, and other key stakeholders and will serve as a platform to mobilize support, drive transformative policy actions, and strengthen commitments to accelerate gender equality in the energy sector.

¹ SDG7 Custodian Agencies include International Energy Agency (IEA), International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), World Bank/Energy Sector Management Assistance Program, World Health Organization (WHO), and United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

² Gender & Energy Compact include: ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNEN), and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).





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TENTATIVE AGENDA (75 Minute Session)

Session Format: Presentations and Panel Discussion (Webcasting)

AGENDA ITEM	PROPOSED SPEAKERS
Welcome Address (5 min)	Mr. Francesco La Camera , Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
Opening Remarks (5 min)	H.E. Charlotta Schlyter , Ambassador for UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations
Presentation (10 min)	<p>Fanny Missfeldt-Ringius, Manager, and Samantha Constant, Senior Gender Specialist, Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) at the World Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the Policy Brief “Gender Indicators for Sustainable Energy: A call for Action”
Reflections from Key Stakeholders with Q&A (50 min)	<p>Interventions responding to the Policy Brief from diverse perspectives Moderated by: Fanny Misfeldt-Ringius</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rashid Ali Abdallah, Executive Director, African Energy Commission (AFREC) Ms. Mara Dolan, Program Manager, Women’s Environment and Development Organizations (WEDO) Ms. Laura Hohmann, SDG7 Youth Representative; Global Director at CDP Ms. Sheila, Oparaocha, Director of ENERGIA Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy Mr. Papa Seck, Chief of UN Women’s Research and Data Division <p><i>Additional representation [TBC]: Austria, Canada, Iceland, U.K., and Kenya</i></p>
Call for Action & Closing Remarks (5 min)	Mr. Minoru Takada , Deputy Director, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)



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