SIDE EVENT: Africa rollout of the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All

DATE: 21 February 2012
TIME: 13.45-14.45 pm
VENUE: Conference Room 4

Purpose/objective:

United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, in recognition of the central role energy plays in so many of the global challenges facing the world, has launched a new initiative, Sustainable Energy for All, to engage national governments, the private sector, and civil society partners to reach three global objectives by 2030:

- Ensure universal access to modern energy services.
- Double the rate of improvement in energy efficiency.
- Double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

This Africa rollout of the initiative will examine how to achieve each of the three intertwined objectives of Sustainable Energy for All, with a particular focus on interventions appropriate to the Africa region. This event in Nairobi is an important opportunity to leverage this new momentum in eliminating the continent’s greatest challenges with access to energy, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

More specifically, the aims of the session are to:

- Consider the relevance of the three goals of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative and the 2012 Year for Africa;
- Identify opportunities and challenges in this gradual transition to a sustainable energy society;
- Discuss the needed enabling environment, considering the capacity, engagement and commitment of respective stakeholders; and
- Make policy-focused recommendations related to Year and the longer term-initiative, as well as in the context of global processes including Rio+20.

Organizers: DTIE
Programme:

13.45 Video of “Sustainable Energy for All”

Welcome

• Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program

Co-chairs

• Adnan Amin, Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency
• Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program

13.55 Panelists

• H.E. Ms. Terezya Luoga Hovisa, Minister of State, Ministry for Environment, Tanzania
• H.E. Erik Solheim, Minister of Environment and International Development, Norway
• H.E. Dr. Elham Mahmood Ahmed Ibrahim (Mrs.), Commissioner, Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
• Ms Mariam Sow Soumare, Representing Dr Mayaki, CEO, New Partnership for Africa’s Development
• Mr. Carlo van Wageningen, Chairman and spokesperson, Lake Turkana Wind Power
• Mr. Negash Engedasew, Manager, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, African Development Bank
• H.E. Izabella Teixeira, Minister of Environment, Brazil

14.25 Questions & Answers

14.40 Video message from Kandeh Yumkella, Director General, UNIDO Director General and Chair, UN-ENERGY

14.45 Closing of event

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