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From goals to ACTION: Powering the FUTURE with SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

CONCEPT NOTE

High-Level Plenary Session

From Goals to Action: Powering the Future with Sustainable Energy

28 October 2025 | 10:15 – 12:40 CET

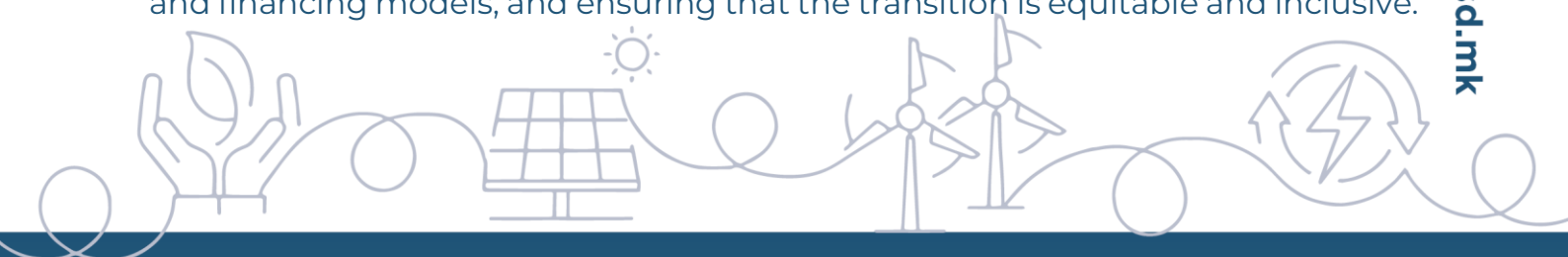
Macedonian Philharmonic, Skopje, North Macedonia

The Fourteenth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (IFESD-14) will take place in Skopje, North Macedonia, from 28 to 30 October 2025. It is organized by the Ministry of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources of North Macedonia, UNDP North Macedonia, and the five United Nations Regional Commissions (UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCAP, and UNESCWA).

The global energy landscape stands at a critical juncture. As energy demand continues to grow and the urgency of the climate crisis deepens, advancing a just, inclusive, and sustainable energy transition has never been more essential. Action on this transition is central to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) on affordable and clean energy and to delivering the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Against this backdrop, IFESD-14 will convene governments, international organizations, the private sector, academia, and civil society to explore solutions under the theme *“From Goals to Action: Powering the Future with Sustainable Energy.”* The theme reflects the Forum’s ambition to move from commitments to implementation and to ensure that the energy transition delivers benefits for all.

This discussion is particularly relevant, as it brings together several global priorities: expanding access to clean and affordable energy, strengthening energy security and regional connectivity, promoting innovative technologies and financing models, and ensuring that the transition is equitable and inclusive.



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The Forum will open with a Plenary Session to set the tone and overall direction of the event. High-ranking government officials, representatives from international organizations, and international financial institutions will address the Forum's overarching theme "*From Goals to Action: Powering the Future with Sustainable Energy*" and outline pathways to align national and regional strategies with global sustainable development goals.

Building on the outcomes of IFESD-13 in Bangkok – which emphasized multi-level cooperation, youth engagement, and actionable strategies – the Plenary Session will highlight how policy, technology, finance, and partnerships can converge to accelerate progress and deliver measurable results.

In particular, the plenary session aims to:

1. *Set the Stage for Action* – Frame global and regional energy challenges and opportunities within the context of SDG 7 and the 2030 Agenda.
2. *Highlight Strategic Priorities* – Focus on energy security, just energy transitions, renewable deployment, digitalization, financing, and the engagement of women and youth.
3. *Promote Collaboration and Partnerships* – Foster cross-sectoral dialogue and multilevel cooperation to accelerate sustainable energy initiatives.
4. *Showcase Innovative Solutions* – Present examples of policies, technologies, and financial strategies that drive measurable progress.
5. *Inspire Commitment* – Encourage participants to translate discussions into concrete actions, ensuring accountability and follow-up after the Forum.

The Forum will host **two High-Level Plenary Sessions** under the shared theme: **"From Goals to Action: Powering the Future with Sustainable Energy."**

Date: 28 October 2025

Venue: Macedonian Philharmonic, Skopje, North Macedonia

High-Level Plenary Session 1 (Confirmed Speakers)





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🕒 10:15 – 11:30

Moderator: **Mr. Dario Liguti**, Director of Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE

1. **Ms. Sanja Bozinovska**, Minister of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources, **North Macedonia**
2. **Mr. Artur Lorkowski**, Director, *Energy Community Secretariat*
3. **Mr. Péter Holicza**, Deputy State Secretary for EU Affairs and International Relations, Ministry of Energy, **Hungary**
4. **Mr. Ion Muntean**, Director of the National Center for Sustainable Energy under the Ministry of Energy, **Moldova**
5. **Mr. Grzegorz Zieliński**, Director, Head of Energy Europe, *European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)*

High-Level Plenary Session 2 (Confirmed Speakers)

🕒 11:40 – 12:40

Moderator: **Mr. Hongpeng Liu**, Director of Energy Division, UNESCAP

1. **Ms. Inga Pkhaladze**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, **Georgia**
2. **Ms. Jovana Joksimović**, Assistant Minister for International Cooperation and European Integration, Ministry of Mining and Energy, **Serbia**
3. **Ms. Stephanie Gil**, Practice Manager for Energy, Europe and Central Asia, *World Bank*
4. **Mr. Pablo Obrador Alvarez**, Head of Division for Energy and Transport, Southeast Europe and Turkey, *KfW Development Bank*
5. **Mr. Riad Meddeb**, Director, *Sustainable Energy Hub, UNDP*

🕒 12:45 – 13:45 Reception (Cocktail)

