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ESCAP Regional Youth Forum on SDG7
18-20 October 2023
Bangkok, United Nations Conference Center

I. Description

There are multiple challenges that the ESCAP region is facing today ranging from the energy access gap to the power system connectivity to emerging areas of the energy transition. In this context, the Asia-Pacific youth is uniquely positioned to spearhead the energy transition and bring SDG7 innovation to the forefront of policymakers' action.

From 18 to 20 October 2023, under the 3rd Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (APEF), young energy experts from all over the region will gather at the first ESCAP Regional Youth Forum on SDG7 to discuss the regional energy issues and launch the ESCAP Young Expert Group on Energy as a mechanism of systemic and meaningful engagement enabling young people to contribute to the ESCAP work on achieving SDG7 by 2030.

II. Organizers

ESCAP Regional Youth Forum on SDG7 is organized by BRICS Youth Energy Agency (BRICS YEA) with support of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and in partnership with Youth for Energy – South East Asia (Y4E-SEA).

III. Target Audience

ESCAP Regional Youth Forum on SDG7 brings together a diverse group of young energy experts who have a strong background in the energy transition field and are willing to make their contribution to developing youth expertise on SDG7 with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

Eligibility requirements:

- aged 18-30;
- comes from an Asia-Pacific country which is an ESCAP Member State;
- has a proven record in the energy transition field, including policy research and/or on-site projects;

- ready to attend the full program (18-20 October, with arrival on 17 October and departure on 21 October).

The organizers **will provide** delegates with an **official invitation letter** and **accreditation badge** to access the UN ESCAP Headquarters in Bangkok.

Please note the organizers **will not be able to provide funding to cover your travels, accommodation, and meals**. In case you need a visa to visit Thailand, you will also need to arrange it on your own.

IV. How to Apply

To apply as a self-funded delegate, please fill out the following application form link: <https://yeabrics.org/en/summits/escap-regional-youth-forum-on-sdg7/>. Deadline for application submissions: 7 October 2023, 11 PM GMT+7.

Once you submitted your application, please fill out the UN venue access form via link: <https://indico.un.org/event/1005775/registrations/>. Deadline for the UN form: October 6, 2023

Instruction:

- 1) Choose “Registration for IGO, UN Entities, NGO and other observers, for APEF-3 and Energy Week”;
- 2) In the section “Select the representation type”, choose “Other entities and organizations” and type “BRICS Youth Energy Agency”;
- 3) In the section “Please check side events that you plan to attend”, choose “Other” and type “ESCAP Regional Youth Forum on SDG7”.

V. Agenda

The delegates will engage in the work program of the RYF on SDG7 on 18 October and get access to attend key sessions of the APEF official program on 19 and 20 October.

Day	Time (GMT+7)	Description
17 October	All day	- Arrivals to Bangkok
18 October	10.00am 10.30am-10.40am 10.40am-11.30am 11.30am-11.45am 11.45am-13.15pm 13.15pm-14.00pm 14.00pm-15.30pm 15.30pm-17.00pm 17.00pm-17.30pm	- Gathering at UN ESCAP HQ, taking seats - Opening Ceremony of the ESCAP Regional Youth Forum on SDG7 - Knowledge-sharing discussion on SDG7 challenges in the Asia-Pacific region - Coffee break - Design session on the establishment and work modalities of the ESCAP Young Expert Group on Energy - Presentation pitch with UN ESCAP policymakers - Lunch - Finalization of ESCAP Young Expert Group on Energy modalities and action plan - Coordination meeting for 19 October, wrap-up
19 October	10.00am-12.30pm 12.30pm-13.30pm 13.30pm-14.30pm 14.30pm-17.30pm	- Meetings with ESCAP and Member States’ Energy Officials - Lunch & Exhibition - Meetings with ESCAP and Member States’ Energy Officials - Meetings with ESCAP and Member States’ Energy Officials

20 October	10.00am-12.00pm 12.00pm-13.00pm 13.00pm-15.00pm	- Meetings with ESCAP and Member States' Energy Officials - Lunch - Youth representative delivers the outcomes of the RYF on SDG7 at the Closing session
21 October	All day	- Departures from Bangkok

VI. Further Information

To get any additional information about the event and participation, feel free to contact BRICS YEA (Mr. Alexander Kormishin: kormishin@yeabrics.org, and Mr. Vadim Kuznetsov: kuznetsov@yeabrics.org) in copy to Y4E-SEA (Ms. Jitsai Santaputra and Ms. Amira Bilqis youthenergysea@gmail.com).