



**United Nations**

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## Reflecting on 5 years of implementing Fossil Fuel to Renewable Energy Transition Workshops

### BACKGROUND

With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Change Agreement adopted in 2015, the issue of energy transition became ever more central to both national and global agendas. The Sustainable Development Goal 7 (Goal 7) advocates universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services. It aims for a substantial increase in the share of renewables in the global energy mix, while increasing affordability of energy and doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency.

In line with its capacity development mandate, and in response to requests from Member States, UNDESA and its UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) have organized a series of training workshops on fossil fuel to renewable energy (FFRE) transition policies and fiscal reforms over the last 5 years.

Through the side event, UNOSD aims to hold a discussion on different initiatives, experiences, instruments and policies with the goal of informing future FFRE transition trainings. Beyond the UNOSD FFRE transition training initiative, experiences from countries such as Costa Rica and South Korea and from different groups and organizations working towards RE transition will be discussed.

### DATE & TIME

Saturday, 7 December 2019  
15:00 - 17:00

### PLACE

SDG Pavilion of COP 25,  
IFEMA, Madrid, Spain

### HOSTED BY

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### PROGRAMME

14:30	<b>Registration</b>
15:00	<b>Opening Remarks/Setting the Scene</b> Dr. Jean D'ARAGON, Officer-in-Charge, United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD)
15:15	Dr. Jong Soo YOON, former Head of UNOSD, former Vice-Minister of Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea
15:25	Ms. Laura Isabel LIZANO RAMON, Director, Energy Planning Secretariat, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
15:35	Mr. Dhruva PURKAYASTHA, Director, Climate Policy Initiative, Delhi, India
15:45	Ms. Grazyna PULAWSKA, Senior Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
15:55	Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief of the Energy Section at the Sustainable Development Policies Division, at the UN-Economic Social Commission West Asia (ESCWA)
16:05	Ms. Jacqueline COTRELL, Environmental and fiscal policy consultant, Vice President, Green Budget Europe; Senior Policy Advisor, Green Budget Germany
	<b>Moderated Discussion</b>
16:15	Moderators: Dr. Jean D'ARAGON, OIC, UNOSD / Ms. Jacqueline COTTRELL, Environmental and fiscal policy consultant, Vice President, Green Budget Europe; Senior Policy Advisor, Green Budget Germany
	<b>Wrap up/Rapporteur</b>
16:50	Ms. Nur A'in BINTE ABD RAZAK, Project Officer, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
17:00	<b>Closing of Event</b>