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### Concept note for HLPF 2023 Side-event

12 July 2023, 13:15 to 14:30, Conference Room 8, UN HQ, New York, New York

#### ***Integrated approaches to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals: Affordable renewable energy and energy efficiency examples of coastal Member States and SIDS from the experiences of Belize and the Dominican Republic***

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has defined Sustainable Development Goals as integrated and indivisible and balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social, and environmental to stimulate action in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet.

In this regard, the importance of integrated approaches needed to implement the 2030 Agenda is crucial. It is important to identify ways to exploit positive interactions and mitigate trade-offs among goals, including forging inclusive multistakeholder coalitions behind programmes of accelerated action. Identifying ways to empower communities, enabling sectoral actors to work together, and building cross-sectoral alliances that can strengthen the economic, social, and environmental aspects of SDG implementation is essential.

The side event will focus on SDG 7, 'Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy,' as examples of integrated approaches and partnerships. Progress on this goal is crucial for achieving almost all of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Secretary-General's special edition report, 'Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals: Towards a Rescue Plan for People and Planet,' shows that access to electricity and clean cooking fuels has improved in many parts of the world. Nevertheless, 675 million people are yet to be connected to the grids and 2.3 billion are still cooking with unsafe and polluting fuels. The war in Ukraine and global economic uncertainty continue to cause significant volatility in energy prices, leading some countries to raise investments in renewables and others to increase reliance on coal, putting the green transition at risk. If the current pace continues, about 660 million people will still lack access to electricity, and close to 2 billion people will continue to rely on polluting fuels and technologies for cooking by 2030. In addition, what is often thought of as innovations within the world of electronics and the Internet are hugely energy-consuming. For instance, the cryptocurrency network Ethereum consumed annually, in 2020, as much electricity as Finland did per year.

Achieving SDG 7 will catalyze actions to meet the Paris Agreement on climate change and - as a consequence - through their natural interlinkages accelerate the other SDGs, including poverty eradication, gender equality, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, food security, health, education, sustainable cities and communities, clean water and sanitation, jobs, innovation, and transport.

Through examples of renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives in Belize and the Dominican Republic - showcasing their diverse experience with the energy transition and how to achieve just, inclusive transitions that leave no one behind - we hope to illustrate the importance of integrated approaches needed to implement the



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2030 Agenda. Panelists will explore how well interlinkages with other SDGs have been addressed, and important interlinkages that can benefit from additional focus and key partners and alliances to help to better account for and manage these interactions. Recommendations on new, innovative ways in which diverse stakeholders can work together to enable integrated approaches will be explored.

**Organizing partners:**

Lead organizer: Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations

Co-organizers: Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future.

**Provisional Agenda:**

**1:15 to 1:20** - Welcoming remarks, brief keynote address, and introduction to the Moderator - **Charles Nouhan**, Chairman of Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

**1:20 to 1:30** – Setting the scene and presenting the panel – **Moderator, Dr. David O'Connor**, Fellow, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future.

**1:30 to 2:25** – A moderated interactive panel, including questions for the panelists and from the audience, featuring:

- **H.E. Mr. Carlos Fuller, OBE**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations
- **A Pre-recorded Message by Mr. Ryan Cob**, Director of Energy in the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics & E-Governance, Belize
- **Luis Madera Sued**, Vice-Minister of Planning and Public Investment of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, the Dominican Republic
- **A Pre-recorded Message** from EGE Haina - Sustainable Electric Power for the Dominican Republic: A Public/Private Partnership
- **H.E. Mr. Yusra Khan**, Ambassador, Environment Stakeholder Member National Energy Council, Indonesia
- **Mr. David Arinze, Youth Stakeholder Representative**, Program Officer, Off-Grid Energy, Diamond Development Initiatives, Nigeria

**2:25 to 2:30** - **Respondent: Claudia Maria Mansfield Perez**, Counsellor, the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and Director of the Board of SF

**2:30** – Closing and thanks from the moderator