



Dear RBF Participant,

We look forward to welcoming you at the 6th Responsible Business Forum next week. With regard to your participation in the discussion panel on **SDG 7: Affordable Clean Energy**, we would like to share some information on the Goal and logistics:

### SCHEDULING

Date : Wednesday, 22 November 2017

Time : 14:40 – 16:10

Venue : Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore 018956

Room : Hibiscus Jr. 3711 &. 3712

### FORMAT (90 Minutes)

1. **Introduction and Panel Discussion:** The facilitator and discussion panel will briefly introduce themselves, their organisations and provide a short overview of SDG 7 to frame the discussion. Speakers will then share their perspectives and examples of action on this goal. The facilitator will then moderate a discussion with questions for the panellists. (55 minutes)
2. **Audience Roundtable Discussion:** Delegates to share, discuss and agree on priority recommendations for scaling up the kind of initiatives presented during the panel, to measuring their impacts and making these part of an integrated approach to the SDGs. (20 minutes)
3. **Feedback from Roundtables:** Each table will assign a discussion leader to stand and share their recommendations with the room. (10 minutes)

Panel speaker are encouraged to join in the audience discussion.

Facilitators will remain as the point of contact for the recommendations.

4. **Wrap Up:** The facilitator will wrap up with a quick summary of the main discussion points and recommendations. (5 minutes)

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **Scaling Up:** What can be done to accelerate and scale up these initiatives?
- **Measurement:** What can be done to measure the impact of these SDG actions?
- **Interconnectivity:** How can an integrated approach accelerate progress on this goal?

### RESOURCES

Our knowledge partner, **PwC**, has provided key facts and information about the Goal attached to this briefing note for reference.

## 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



### **SDG 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**

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### **WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE?**

1 in 5 people lack access to modern electricity, while 3 billion people still use kerosene, wood, coal, or dung for cooking and heating. Poor access to energy slows the growth of GDP and contributes to health problems.

Demand for energy is expected to rise by 20– 35% by 2030 (already global electricity consumption per person has more than doubled since 1970s). But, it's not as simple as just generating more energy. Production and use of energy makes up two-thirds of all green house gas emissions which are a key driver of climate change. People and business need access to energy, but energy produced from low carbon technologies.

### **WHY DOES IT MATTER FOR BUSINESS?**

Poor access to energy in developing countries slows the growth of GDP. This is a barrier to growth for businesses in these markets as well. In addition to the rising cost of electricity generation, we are likely to see the imposition of a price of carbon becoming more widespread around the world. Businesses can benefit from a win-win by implementing energy efficient measures.

### **WHERE IS THIS A TOP CHALLENGE?**

Japan (target 7.2), Netherlands (target 7.2), Saudi Arabia (target 7.2), Tanzania (target 7.1), UK (target 7.2).

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## **POSSIBLE RELEVANT BUSINESS ACTIONS TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS GOAL**

- Track and report energy usage, reduction and intensity over time.
- Reduce energy consumption in own operation and work with suppliers to reduce energy consumption and promote energy efficiency.
- Invest in and promote initiatives on renewable energy and integrate these into business strategy; work with suppliers to increase their share of renewable energy.
- Create new business models to provide energy efficiency technologies including products and services that help customers improve their energy efficiency or reduce energy consumption.
- Implement innovative new commercial models or tariff mechanisms to improve access to energy and deliver sustainable and renewable energy.