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Director, Department of Energy, UNIDO, welcomed participants and thanked them for taking their time to participate. He commented that industrial transformation continues to be a priority for UNIDO and has a key role in supporting SDG 7 and the broader sustainable development agenda.

Deputy Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO, discussed how innovation is central in achieving SDGs, particularly SDG 2, and how data and use of technology is critical in lifting people out of poverty, particularly women and girls.

Coordinator, Urban Basic Services Branch, UN-Habitat, commented on how innovation is a key element of their work. SDG 7 is critical for sustainable urban areas and supports their development pathway. Most cities they work with lack reliable energy supply and one of their goals is to make the building sector more resource and energy efficient.

2.

, Team Leader, Secretariat of the High-level Dialogue on Energy, DESA provided a brief presentation on the role of the working group and expected outcomes. He highlighted the need to focus on key recommendations the group can make to leverage innovation, technology and data to achieve SDG 7 by 2030.

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Innovation must help in addressing tradeoffs and harnessing synergies in the use of energy and other resources.

Social innovation, notably the need to address the clear