



## Draft Agenda

# Virtual Sixth Roundtable Discussion on Strategic Energy Planning

Virtual platform, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, 9:30 – 13:00 CEST (GMT+2)

### *Background and overall aim*

It is with pleasure that we announce the upcoming **Sixth Roundtable Discussion on Strategic Energy Planning**, which will be held virtually, jointly convened by the Energy and Economic Growth (EEG) and the Climate Compatible Growth (#CCG) programmes, both funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCDO), and the OpTIMUS community of practice. The workshop is part of the **Roundtable Initiative on Strategic Energy Planning**, a global initiative focused on improving the way in which development partners support energy systems modelling and planning in developing countries, and it has been held on the back of the [Joint Summer School on Modelling Tools for Sustainable Development](#).

**The Roundtable Initiative is promoting a series of [Principles](#)** as a “code of conduct” for Development Partners to work collectively towards improved effectiveness of their support to country governments on strategic energy system planning. These are: 1. National ownership; 2. Coherence and inclusivity; 3. Capacity building based on co-development; 4. Robustness of models, analysis and tools; 5. Transparency and accessibility of data and evidence.

**The objectives of the day** will be to pick up the agenda where it was left before COVID-19 (last meeting was held in Abu Dhabi in January 2020) and discuss the key priorities of the Roundtable Initiative for the next year. Key points to be discussed are:

- **Status update of the Roundtable Initiative** (past, present, future)
- Discussion about the official **launch of the Roundtable Principles**
- Recap of the **U4RIA energy data management standards** and discussion of approaches to further develop and apply them in development / research projects
- Review of available **energy planning capacity building initiatives** and discussion of synergies for cooperation and harmonisation

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9:30 – 9:45	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Introductions and objectives of the day</p>
9:45 – 10:30	<p><b>Status update of the Roundtable Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap of the key achievements of the Roundtable Initiative so far</li> <li>Discussion about key priorities, governance, and next steps of the Roundtable Initiative</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Roundtable Principles – Official Launch and implementation</b></p> <p>Discussion on the need and options for a launch event and on-the-ground implementation of the Principles</p>
11:00 – 11.15	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
11:15 – 11:45	<p><b>U4RIA energy data management standards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap of the U4RIA standards</li> <li>Approaches for further developing and applying U4RIA</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12.45	<p><b>Energy planning capacity building initiatives</b></p> <p>Round of table to quickly present key initiatives (5 minutes per organisation) and moderated discussion</p>
12.45 – 13:00	<p><b>Summing up and closing remarks</b></p> <p>Summing up of action points from the day</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p>