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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Ninth conference of Astana EXPO-2017 Future Energy Forum 14 - 15 August 2017 "Renewable Energy and Quality of Life"

The ninth conference of the Astana EXPO-2017 Future Energy Forum, in cooperation with UNITAR, is focused on "Renewable Energy and Quality of Life". UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research) is an influential institute with the mandate to enhance the effectiveness of the UN through diplomatic training and to increase the impact of national actions through public awareness, education, and training of public policy officials.

Included among the speakers are:

- **Dr Ute Collier**, Senior Programme Leader in the Renewable Energy Division of the International Energy Agency (IEA)
- **Rahul Bansal**, Deputy Director of Education at Climate-KIC
- **Eva Mach**, Programme Officer, Environmental Sustainability, IOM

By uniting renewable energy experts, innovators and practitioners with investors and members of international organizations and NGOs this conference is a platform to connect and mobilize renewable energy concepts that secure quality of life for the 1.2 billion people without energy access. Keynotes and impulse speeches, panel discussions, workshops, as well as elevator pitches from innovative clean technology enterprises round out the agenda.

One workshop highlight conducted by Daniel Connell, a renewable energy and open source technology designer, is a demonstration on how to build a simple, low cost vertical axis wind turbine of easily sourced local recycled materials and basic hand tools. Information will be provided on how to mount and attach applications for producing electricity, irrigation, air conditioning, refrigeration, and other uses.

Master of ceremonies is **Andrew Reynolds**, Adjunct Professor at University of Virginia; Former Chair of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

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The Astana EXPO-2017 Future Energy Forum was launched on June 29 and has established itself as a vital space for progressing the international energy revolution. Within the framework of the Forum eight of 12 conferences within the series have already taken place. The Forum features an extensive format: plenary sessions, debates, keynotes, open tables and workshops make up the diverse and substantial programme. The participants of the previous conferences have discussed a wide range of issues: energy revolution and Kazakhstan's potential in the transition to renewable energy sources, social and economic parameters of the new energy model, best energy practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as well as promoting energy efficiency and universal access to sustainable energy.

The event is free of charge; visit www.futureenergyforum.org to register.

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