**Tuesday 16th April**
13:30 to 14:40 Room 14

“**Achieving Sustainable Energy Access for the Urban Poor**”

The benefits of improving access to modern energy services in urban and peri-urban areas are transformational: lighting for productive activities, increased security, energy for basic service provision, including water and sanitation, cleaner indoor air, faster food-processing/cooking, more income-generating opportunities, industrial development and so on. Energy is one essential factor to unlock the productive potential of cities. Improving urban energy access must become one of the most important objectives in fighting poverty in the 21st century.

This side event will discuss with stakeholders attending the Governing Council progress made in achieving energy access for the urban poor. The event will be structured in the form of a dialogue, including brief presentations from the panel and subsequent interaction with the participating stakeholders.