

Additional Global Champions Announced

for UN High-level Dialogue on Energy

1 February 2021 – Malawi and Nigeria have joined the Member States serving as Global Champions for the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy, a summit-level meeting to take place in September 2021, convened by the UN Secretary-General, it was announced today. Other Member States taking this important role are: Brazil, China, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Mauritius, Nauru, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Additional Champions are expected to be announced in the week ahead.

The Global Champions will spearhead advocacy, raise awareness and inspire commitments and action on the five themes decided for the Dialogue, helping inform a global action plan to achieve clean energy for all by 2030, thus reaching Sustainable Development Goal #7 by the agreed deadline and spurring decisive climate action, accelerating the push to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, a top goal of the UN this year.

Of the five themes, three focus on advancing substantive progress on: 1) energy access; 2) energy transition; and 3) enabling the SDGs through inclusive, just energy transitions. The last two themes, which are cross-cutting, focus on means to achieve those crucial objectives through 4) innovation, technology and data; and 5) finance and investment. The Dialogue preparations will be designed to address these issues holistically.

The Global Champions will also play a key role in mobilizing voluntary commitments in the form of Energy Compacts that Member States, businesses, cities and other stakeholders will present for the High-level Dialogue; the Compacts will feed into the COP 26 climate meeting in November as well. UN-Energy, the UN's inter-agency mechanism for collaboration in the energy field, will also support the mobilization of Energy Compacts.

As part of the lead-up process for the High-level Dialogue, the Global Champions will also co-host a series of ministerial-level thematic forums, to spur commitment and action. The forums will base their work on reports from technical working groups, each suggesting key actions needed to achieve clean energy for all in their relevant thematic area.

For the complete list of Global Champions, please visit <u>here</u>.

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