

**UNIDO Director General  
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The science is clear: we need to decarbonise the global economy by mid-century.

We also need to speed up progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.

The COVID-19 pandemic reminded us that the future of humanity needs us to work together.

UNIDO is raising its ambition to accelerate actions on SDG 7 through inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

We contribute to the rise of local innovators and entrepreneurs, to enable home-grown innovation and clean energy solutions that support communities and create jobs and incomes.

We also help improve energy performance, support the production and use of green hydrogen in industry, and enable decision-makers to design a low-carbon future.

UNIDO is a proud partner of the Gender and Energy Compact, which enhances gender equality and women's empowerment, and accelerates a just and inclusive energy transition.

I call on you to join us in raising ambitions and deepening our cooperation to accelerate SDG progress, amplify impact, and catalyse change together.

Thank you.