

- Greetings, everyone.
- Thank you for the opportunity to share The Rockefeller Foundation's perspective during this pivotal U.N. High Level Dialogue on Energy.
- Nearly two years into the pandemic, the world is divided between the countries with the resources and tools to endure Covid-19, and those that remain at its mercy.
 - As a result, we've lost ground on the SDGs.
 - And hundreds of millions of people today are poorer and have lost access to the energy needed to compete in the modern economy.
- This divide makes all of us more vulnerable to the risks facing humanity, including from Covid-19 variants and the existential threat of climate change.
- Today, the world faces a choice. We can continue with a slow, market-driven, fossil-dependent heavy electrification, despite the risks to the planet.
- Or the world can take the big, bold actions required to empower people everywhere.
- As we have for more than 100 years, The Rockefeller Foundation is again seeking to boost humanity by leveraging the power of science and technology.
- Today, we're investing \$1 billion, in part, to connect people with high-quality, renewable energy.

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, Dr. Rajiv J Shah, President

- The Foundation is working with partners from around the world and across many sectors, including the IKEA Foundation, to launch a new Global Energy Alliance at COP26 this November.
- By helping countries and communities transition to green energy, the Alliance will empower 1 billion people, support nearly half a billion jobs, and avert at least 1 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions.
- For the first time, we have the opportunity to combat the climate crisis while empowering people to care for their families and compete in a 21st century economy.
- Now, we must now find the courage, and the resources, to come together and change how the world works and how people live.
- I'm grateful to the U.N. and SEforALL for this opportunity today – and I invite each of you to join us in this vital work.
- Thank you.

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