



### SDG7 Energy Compact of REN21

A next Decade Action Agenda to advance SDG7 on sustainable energy for all, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change

#### SECTION 1: AMBITION

##### 1.1. Ambitions to achieve SDG7 by 2030. [ Please select all that apply, and make sure to state the baseline of each target]

(Member States targets could be based on their NDCs, energy policies, national five-year plans etc. targets for companies/organizations could be based on their corporate strategy)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>7.1.</b> By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services.	Target(s): Time frame: Context for the ambition(s):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>7.2.</b> By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.	<p>Target(s): Extend the renewable energy community beyond the sector and across a wide range of stakeholders – linking global, regional and local voices</p> <p>Time frame: 2021-2026</p> <p>Context for the ambition(s):</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has been an unprecedented shock to the global economy and has stifled the energy sector by bringing demand down at an unprecedented rate. While this has led to significant climate gains, these are neither permanent nor enough to make us compliant with the Paris Agreement. Nationwide lockdowns around the world disrupted both the supply and demand for energy, in both global and domestic markets. While oil prices bottomed out, thermal and renewable energy supply chains faced disruptions.</p> <p>Several of these shifts were episodic and have resolved (or are resolving) themselves when markets reopened. But there was also an emerging shift in the behaviour of decision makers that is posing a serious threat to the pace of the global energy transition. Every part of the economic value chain has faced losses, making decision makers—across all sectors—act more conservatively. While renewables may not face ideological resistance, these altered priorities are hurting the pace of scaling up renewable energy. This risk must be addressed directly, through a multi-pronged approach, aligning renewables with the evolving priorities of decision makers.</p> <p>But while the science, policy support, and even market activity in the renewable energy markets are greater than ever before, there is no single “renewables voice” that puts forward a global vision. There is not a lack of voices. Rather the challenge is having a coherent, clear, credible voice that leverages the messages of individual entities to present a consolidated and compelling global picture.</p> <p>The weak links in the sector, i.e., scattered voices, disconnected priorities, limited scale and resources need to be strengthened, particularly in critical hot-spots and in most vulnerable countries. This unified “voice” can, in turn, be used by local actors to reinforce their efforts and mainstream renewables. REN21’s objective is to make the voice of the renewable energy community stronger, unified, more strategic and more influential by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>creating a collective voice</b></li> <li>• <b>linking climate and development priorities</b></li> <li>• <b>developing targeted action</b></li> </ul> <p>Work under this Energy Compact will build on REN21’s existing community of 2000+ energy experts. Information and knowledge will bridge beyond the energy sector across a wide range of stakeholders, linking with end use sectors such as transport, heating and cooling, and spanning from local to global.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>7.3.</b> By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency.	Target(s): Time frame: Context for the ambition(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>7.a.</b> By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology.	Target(s): Time frame: Context for the ambition(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>7.b.</b> By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and land-locked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programs of support.	Target(s): Time frame: Context for the ambition(s):

**1.2. Other ambitions in support of SDG7 by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050. [Please describe below e.g., coal phase out or reforming fossil fuel subsidies etc.]**

Target(s): Time frame: Context for the ambition(s):
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**SECTION 2: ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE AMBITION**

2.1. Please add at least one key action for each of the elaborated ambition(s) from section 1. [Please add rows as needed].

<p data-bbox="255 1388 1124 1419"><i>Description of action (please specify for which ambition from Section 1)</i></p> <p data-bbox="255 1459 563 1486"><b>Creating a Collective Voice</b></p> <p data-bbox="255 1493 2030 1556">Though many organisations are promoting renewable energy, players/actions/voices are scattered. The messages need to be linked together. A comprehensive, easy-to-understand, action-orientated framing narrative is essential to draw attention to and strengthen the renewables' agenda. Here REN21 will:</p> <ul data-bbox="305 1562 2116 1692" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● develop an influence mapping tool to identify key influencers, players and strategic entry points;</li> <li>● build and bring the community together more strategically, to increase the collective influence in the global energy debate; and,</li> <li>● support network members in positioning themselves as part of the larger renewable energy narrative and enhancing their individual activities at national/local levels.</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="2169 1388 2398 1419"><i>Start and end date</i></p> <p data-bbox="2169 1425 2306 1453">2021-2026</p>
<p data-bbox="255 1734 1124 1766"><i>Description of action (please specify for which ambition from Section 1)</i></p> <p data-bbox="255 1803 756 1831"><b>Linking Climate and Development Priorities</b></p> <p data-bbox="255 1837 2145 2001">There is a renewable energy discourse, a sustainable energy discourse, a climate discourse, an energy efficiency discourse, etc. These conversations, however, are not integrated to present a holistic theory of change. Developing an integrated narrative will raise the overall profile of the systemic values associated with renewable energy, which can be used in each of these discourses. It is important to build bridges between different communities to address blind spots and biases and to position renewables as more than providing energy services, i.e., by helping to improve air quality, supporting a healthy environment, underpinning climate change mitigation and adaptation, driving local economic development etc. These communities are diverse in structure and focus, ranging from renewable energy to end-use sectors, from local</p>	<p data-bbox="2169 1734 2398 1766"><i>Start and end date</i></p> <p data-bbox="2169 1772 2306 1799">2021-2026</p>

<p>to global in scale and made up of a wide range of stakeholders. The aim is to develop a better and mutual understanding about the “what”, “why” and “how” around mainstreaming renewable energy.</p> <p>REN21 will work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● broaden the energy transition discussion by building bridges to non-energy sectors</li> <li>● strengthen multi-stakeholder communities (energy and non-energy) to support deployment of renewable energy</li> <li>● identify and bring together multipliers and champions who can incorporate insights from renewables players in the larger socio-economic discussion.</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Description of action (please specify for which ambition from Section 1)</i></p> <p><b>Developing Targeted Action</b></p> <p>The renewable energy sector, as compared to traditional energy sources, has few resources for communication, marketing and the ability to represent the sector’s interest. Even as the renewable energy players efforts are built on robust science and rigorous research, it is often drowned out by the misinformation disseminated by the fossil fuel and nuclear lobbies. To keep the renewables agenda relevant and in the forefront, communications—that lend a human face to the economics and science of renewables and reconcile facts with emotions—are critical.</p> <p>REN21 will work with the community to support collaborative campaigns called <i>Lighthouse Projects</i>. These are opportunities that emerge organically in response to a particular situation, or issues and allow community members to develop and engage in a targeted action, e.g., campaign, policy brief, in collaboration with other players to achieve greater impact.</p>	<p><i>Start and end date</i> 2021-2026</p>
<p><i>Description of action (please specify for which ambition from Section 1)</i></p>	<p><i>Start and end date</i></p>

### SECTION 3: OUTCOMES

3.1. Please add at least one measurable and time-based outcome for **each** of the actions from section 2. *[Please add rows as needed].*

<p><i>Outcome</i> <b>Influence Mapping Tool</b> – a tool that identifies key influencers, players and strategic entry points Impact indicator: energy users/end-use sectors are talking about renewables</p>	<p><i>Date</i> 1 tool End 2022</p>
<p><i>Outcome</i> <b>Multistakeholder Platform</b> – a platform where the community come together to develop strong framing and guiding renewable energy narratives that serves as an “umbrella” for relevant thematic, sectoral, regional/national narratives, information campaigns and activities Impact indicator: new networks between renewable energy players and non-renewable energy players</p>	<p><i>Date</i> 1 platform End 2022</p>
<p><i>Outcome</i> <b>RENdez-vous series</b> – a space for dialogue, connecting different voices and perspectives (global and local) to enrich the exchange, strengthen the renewable energy sector and to identify blind-spots and biases Impact indicator:</p>	<p><i>Date</i> 10 events End 2022</p>
<p><i>Outcome</i> <b>Lighthouse communication projects</b> - a targeted action, e.g., campaign, policy brief, in collaboration with other players to achieve greater impact in response to a particular situation or issue. Impact indicator: renewables are being communicated about in a way that links renewables to broader societal issues (economic development; innovation; jobs etc.)</p>	<p><i>Date</i> 1 campaign End 2022</p>

**SECTION 4: REQUIRED RESOURCES AND SUPPORT**

4.1. Please specify required finance and investments for **each** of the actions in section 2.

<b>Budget per annum</b>	
Influence Mapping Tool	USD 400,000
Multistakeholder Platform	USD 250,000
RENdez-vous series	USD 100,000
Lighthouse Communication Projects	USD 250,000

4.2. [For countries only] In case support is required for the actions in section 2, please select from below and describe the required support and specify for which action.

*[Examples of support for Member States could include: Access to low-cost affordable debt through strategic de-risking instruments, capacity building in data collection; development of integrated energy plans and energy transition pathways; technical assistance, etc.]*

<input type="checkbox"/> Financing	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind contribution	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Support	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Please specify	Description

**SECTION 5: IMPACT**

5.1. Countries planned for implementation including number of people potentially impacted.

Southeast Asia; Africa; Latin America and Caribbean

5.2. Alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Please describe how **each** of the actions from section 2 impact advancing the SDGs by 2030.

*[up to 500 words, please upload supporting strategy documents as needed]*

We all know that staying below 1.5°C will take more than promoting renewable energy. We need a systemic change, decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation and applying a holistic approach, considering all phases of resource use to do more and better with less. From an energy perspective this means reducing energy demand and to mainstream renewables.

To mainstream renewables requires societal support. This means building up political acceptance, i.e., making renewables a political priority, ensuring market acceptance and societal support. It's also about building and bringing the community together more strategically, to increase the collective influence in the global energy debate, linking global and local voices.

To mainstream renewables also requires integrating renewables across all sectors and forging bridges outside of the renewable energy bubble with a diversity of players. We need to identify, build on and collaborate with players to collectively widen and amplify the renewable energy voice. This means broadening the renewable energy community regionally and into new sectors. It also involves bringing the right information to this community so it can be more influential and strategic. Simply put, to become more influential the renewable energy community needs to move beyond conversations with the “usual suspects” and work with strategic allies, regardless of sector.

It is only by shifting to an energy efficiency and renewable energy based energy system that we can hope to remain below 1.5°C. Energy is crucial for achieving almost all of the SDGs by making critical contributions to helping to alleviate poverty, fight hunger, increase access to health care, education and clean water etc. Renewable energy has the added benefit of having lower GHG emissions than fossil fuels and has a lower environmental impact. Renewables also support energy access, energy security and in some cases energy sovereignty .

5.3. Alignment with Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050 - Please describe how **each** of the actions from section 2 align with the Paris Agreement and national NDCs (if applicable) and support the net-zero emissions by 2050. [up to 500 words, please upload supporting strategy documents as needed]

See above – the issues identified and approaches proposed are interlinked.

## SECTION 6: MONITORING AND REPORTING

6.1. Please describe how you intend to track the progress of the proposed outcomes in section 3. Please also describe if you intend to use other existing reporting frameworks to track progress on the proposed outcomes.

Each outcome will be tracked through annual reporting process and documented accordingly.

## SECTION 7: GUIDING PRINCIPLES CHECK LIST

Please use the checklist below to validate that the proposed Energy Compact is aligned with the guiding principles.

**I. Stepping up ambition and accelerating action** - Increase contribution of and accelerate the implementation of the SDG7 targets in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for Paris Agreement

*I. 1. Does the Energy Compact strengthen and/or add a target, commitment, policy, action related to SDG7 and its linkages to the other SDGs that results in a higher cumulative impact compared to existing frameworks?*

Yes  No

*I.2. Does the Energy Compact increase the geographical and/or sectoral coverage of SDG7 related efforts?*  Yes  No

*I.3. Does the Energy Compact consider inclusion of key priority issues towards achieving SDG7 by 2030 and the net-zero emission goal of the Paris Agreement by 2050 - as defied by latest global analysis and data including the outcome of the Technical Working Groups?*  Yes  No

**II. Alignment with the 2030 agenda on Sustainable Development Goals** – Ensure coherence and alignment with SDG implementation plans and strategies by 2030 as well as national development plans and priorities.

*II.1. Has the Energy Compact considered enabling actions of SDG7 to reach the other sustainable development goals by 2030?*  Yes  No

*II.2. Does the Energy Compact align with national, sectoral, and/or sub-national sustainable development strategies/plans, including SDG implementation plans/roadmaps?*  Yes  No

*II.3. Has the Energy Compact considered a timeframe in line with the Decade of Action?*  Yes  No

**III. Alignment with Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050** - Ensure coherence and alignment with the Nationally Determined Contributions, long term net zero emission strategies.

*III.1. Has the Energy Compact considered a timeframe in line with the net-zero goal of the Paris Agreement by 2050?*  Yes  No

*III.2. Has the Energy Compact considered energy-related targets and information in the updated/enhanced NDCs?*  Yes  No

*III.3. Has the Energy Compact considered alignment with reaching the net-zero emissions goal set by many countries by 2050?*  Yes  No

**IV. Leaving no one behind, strengthening inclusion, interlinkages, and synergies** - Enabling the achievement of SDGs and just transition by reflecting interlinkages with other SDGs.

*IV.1. Does the Energy Compact include socio-economic impacts of measures being considered?*  Yes  No

*IV.2. Does the Energy Compact identify steps towards an inclusive, just energy transition?*  Yes  No

IV.3. Does the Energy Compact consider measures that address the needs of the most vulnerable groups (e.g. those impacted the most by energy transitions, lack of energy access)?  Yes  No

**V. Feasibility and Robustness** - Commitments and measures are technically sound, feasible, and verifiable based a set of objectives with specific performance indicators, baselines, targets and data sources as needed.

V.1. Is the information included in the Energy Compact based on updated quality data and sectoral assessments, with clear and transparent methodologies related to the proposed measures?  Yes  No

V.2. Has the Energy Compact considered inclusion of a set of SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, resource-based and time based) objectives?  Yes  No

V.3. Has the Energy Compact considered issues related to means of implementation to ensure feasibility of measures proposed (e.g. cost and financing strategy, technical assistant needs and partnerships, policy and regulatory gaps, data and technology)?  Yes  No

## SECTION 8: ENERGY COMPACT GENERAL INFORMATION

8.1. Title/name of the Energy Compact

Strengthening the Renewables Voice: Increasing the influence of the renewables community

8.2. Lead entity name (for joint Energy Compacts please list all parties and include, in parenthesis, its entity type, using entity type from below)

REN21 (Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century)  
REN21 Community: over 2000 energy experts and organisations from across government, industry, civil society, intergovernmental organisations and science and academia

8.3. Lead entity type

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Local/Regional Government        | <input type="checkbox"/> Multilateral body /Intergovernmental Organization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Society organization/Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Institution /Scientific Community        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropic Organization       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other relevant actor                              |

8.4. Contact Information

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8.5. Please select the geographical coverage of the Energy Compact

Africa  Asia and Pacific  Europe  Latin America and Caribbean  North America  West Asia  Global

8.6. Please select the Energy Compact thematic focus area(s)

Energy Access  Energy Transition  Enabling SDGs through inclusive just Energy Transitions  Innovation, Technology and Data  Finance and Investment.

## SECTION 9: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (IF REQUIRED)

Please provide additional website link(s) on your Energy Compact, which may contain relevant key documents, photos, short video clips etc.

