





Overview of the High-level Dialogue Preparatory Process as of 9 Feb.2021

Seventy-Sixth session of the General Assembly 2021



High-level Dialogue: Mandates from the Secretary-General



Resolution 74/225

Invites the Secretary-General to convene a high-level dialogue in 2021 to promote the implementation of the energy-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



The last time the General Assembly mandated a high-level meeting on energy was in the wake of the oil crisis in 1981

- Dialogue to be at **summit level** during the 76th session of the GA.
- UN-Energy Co-Chairs acting as the **Dialogue Co-Chairs** to facilitate substantive content development, multistakeholder mobilization and inter-agency support.
- Special Representative for Sustainable Energy for All (SRSG) to serve as the High-level Champion to drive global advocacy.
- Under-Secretary-General (USG) of UN-DESA serving as the **Dialogue Secretary-General** and UN-DESA as the **secretariat for the Dialogue**.
- Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group to advise on the Dialogue preparations.
 - **UN-Energy members** will be fully engaged on the High-Level Dialogue objectives, outcomes and support of Member States.

Objectives of the High-level Dialogue



Accelerate delivery of UN support and services for Member States on energyrelated issues

Strengthen political commitment to the achievement of SDG7

Strengthen synergies with major intergovernmental processes

Catalyse finance, investment, new technologies capacity building and ruality data

Promote green recovery from COVID-19 through sustainable, decarbonised energy solutions

Catalyse multistakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments by stakeholders

Leverage energy action for advancing other SDGs « ...promote the implementation of the energy related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.. »

Article 30 of GA resolution A/RES/74/225

Summary of High-Level Dialogue Outcomes





Global statement with action plans

Includes, forward-looking statement with ambitious and concrete plans of action to further accelerate the SDG 7 implementation in support of the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs and climate action and comprehensive report of High-level Dialogue on Energy



Energy Compacts

Energy Compacts with voluntary commitments from Member States and business on all SDG7 targets in support of achieving all SDGs by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.



Thematic themes

Cross-cutting themes

Themes

I. Energy Access

II. Energy Transitions III. Enabling SDGs
Through Inclusive,
Just Energy
Transitions

IV. Innovation, Technology and Data

V. Finance and Investment

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This theme will address the need and means for accelerated actions towards universal access to electricity and clean cooking, as well as heating/cooling and other energy services. This theme will focus on energy sector decarbonisation strategies to dramatically increase the application of renewable energy and energy efficiency, including in end use sectors like transport (e.g. renewable powered electric vehicles), while ensuring a just transition, including strategies on coal phase-out.

This theme will focus on maximizing the positive impacts of an inclusive and just energy transitions on the achievement of the SDGs, including gender equality, job creation, youth empowerment, agriculture and food systems, health, education, water, and sustainable production and consumption, through coordinated multi-sectoral interventions.

This cross-cutting theme will focus on advancing energy access, energy transitions as well as enabling the SDGs through the development and application of data; technology, innovation, research and capacity building measures, as well as through integrated policy making and regulation that are necessary to achieve the **Energy Compact** commitments, and SDG7.

This theme will focus on how public and private finance and investment can be mobilized and leveraged to achieve the 2025 Milestones, SDG7 and carbon neutrality, taking also into consideration enabling mechanisms such as the fiscal response to COVID-19, fossil fuel subsidy reform; green investment regulation; risk management and insurance.

Theme description



Energy Compacts



High-level Dialogue on Energy 2021: Themes and Draft Tracks



Thematic themes

Cross-cutting themes

Themes

I. Energy Access

- Universal electricity access
- Clean cooking
- Heating/cooling and other energy services

II. Energy **Transitions**

- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Transport including electric vehicles
- Just transition, including coal phase-out

III. Enabling SDGs Through Inclusive, **Just Energy Transitions**

- Gender equality
- Health and education
- Poverty eradication and iob creation
- Agriculture, food systems, and water
- Sustainable production and consumption

IV. Innovation, **Technology and** Data

- Data
- Technology, innovation, research and development
- Integrated policy making and regulation

V. Finance and Investment

- · Recovering better strategy from COVID-19
- · Fossil fuel subsidy reform
- Green investment
- Risk management and insurance

Draft **Tracks**



Energy Compacts



Roles and Responsibilities



Themes

I. Energy Access

II. Energy Transitions

III. Enabling SDGs Through Inclusive, Just **Energy Transitions**

IV. Innovation. **Technology and** Data

V. Finance & Investment

Global Theme Champions

Tracks

Multi-Stakeholder **Technical Working Group**

> Co-leads **Members**

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Advisory Group



Global Theme Champions

Member States from inclusive and diverse backgrounds per theme that are committed to provide global advocacy for the Theme.



Multi-Stakeholder Technical Working Groups

Co-leads

Two or three international organizations will serve as Co-Leads of each Multi-stakeholder Technical Working Group, providing substantive direction for the work of the Group.

Members

The Membership will consist of technical experts representing Government entities, international organizations, private sector entities, civil society organizations, academic institutions and other stakeholders.



Advisory Group

A group of high-level non-state experts to provide substantive advice on the preparations for the Dialogue.

Roles and Responsibilities Arrangements





- List of Global Theme Champions (link)
- List of Technical Working Group Co-leads and Members:
 - i. Energy Access (link)
 - ii. Energy Transition (link)
 - iii. Enabling SDGs through Inclusive, Just Energy Transitions (link)
 - iv. Innovation, Technology and Data (link)
 - V. Finance and Investment (link)
- Energy Compacts Arrangements (link)

Roles and Responsibilities



Global Theme Champions



- Conducting global advocacy for their Theme
- Serving as co-hosts for the respective Thematic Forum
- Conducting outreach and mobilising Energy Compacts

 Providing strategic advice to their Technical Working Group

TWG Co-leads



- Convene and chair meetings of the TWG for their Theme
- Ensure the timely drafting, compilation and delivery of highquality Thematic report
- Addressing specific focus areas if needed

- Designate technical focal points for day-to-day business
- Encourage the mobilization of Energy Compacts

TWG Members



- Active participation in the meetings of the Technical Working Groups with the aim of developing substantive recommendations on issues related to their Theme
- Contribute to the mobilization of Energy Compacts

Energy Compacts – Voluntary, inclusive & complementary



Energy Compacts will be the most **inclusive** umbrella dedicated to bring together **voluntary commitments** on all SDG7 targets in support of achieving all SDGs by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.

WHAT

Voluntary commitments on the following themes to advance SDG7 by 2030 and net zero by 2050.



Innovation,

technology and

data

Finance and

Investment

Energy Access

Energy **Transition**

Enabling SDGs through inclusive and just transition

WHO

Energy Compacts will be inclusive available for voluntary and commitments from all stakeholders in the global movement on SDG7



Governments

International organizations

Business

Civil society

stakeholders including youth and academia

HOW

Aligned with existing commitments ambitious covering actions. policies, finance and investment, etc. commitments on SDG7.



NDCs

SDGs

Energy Compacts alignment with existing processes



	UN Energy Compacts	NDCs (Paris Agreement)	SDG 7
Focus Area	Sole focus is on energy and accelerating action towards the delivery of universal energy access, cooking solutions, renewable energy and energy efficiency i.e. SDG7 goal	Global climate action; Paris requests each country to outline and communicate their post-2020 climate actions, known as their NDCs	The SDG's define three broad targets for Member States to achieve on energy across sustainability, efficiency and access
Target Countries	Commitments from UN Member States, Private sector, multi-stakeholders	189 states and the European Union that have ratified the Paris Agreement. Every five years, countries are required to update their national commitments with more ambitious targets	All UN Member States voluntarily committed to the SDGs through the pass of a General Assembly resolution in 2015
Commitment Requirement	Pledge to take deliberate actions and drive work streams to achieve defined goals at global, national and regional levels	National climate plans highlighting climate actions, including targets, policies and measures in response to climate change. The concept of national determination is central to NDCs.	Although the goals are not legally binding, countries are expected to report voluntarily on implementation, including through Voluntary National Reviews
Accountability and Monitoring	UN-Energy to develop web-based monitoring with quantifiable metrics and publish progress updates annually	No mechanism forces a country to set a specific emissions target by a specific date, but each target should go beyond previously set targets	The UN undertakes tracking, including on SDG 7 through the annual report on the goal

High-level dialogue and COP26

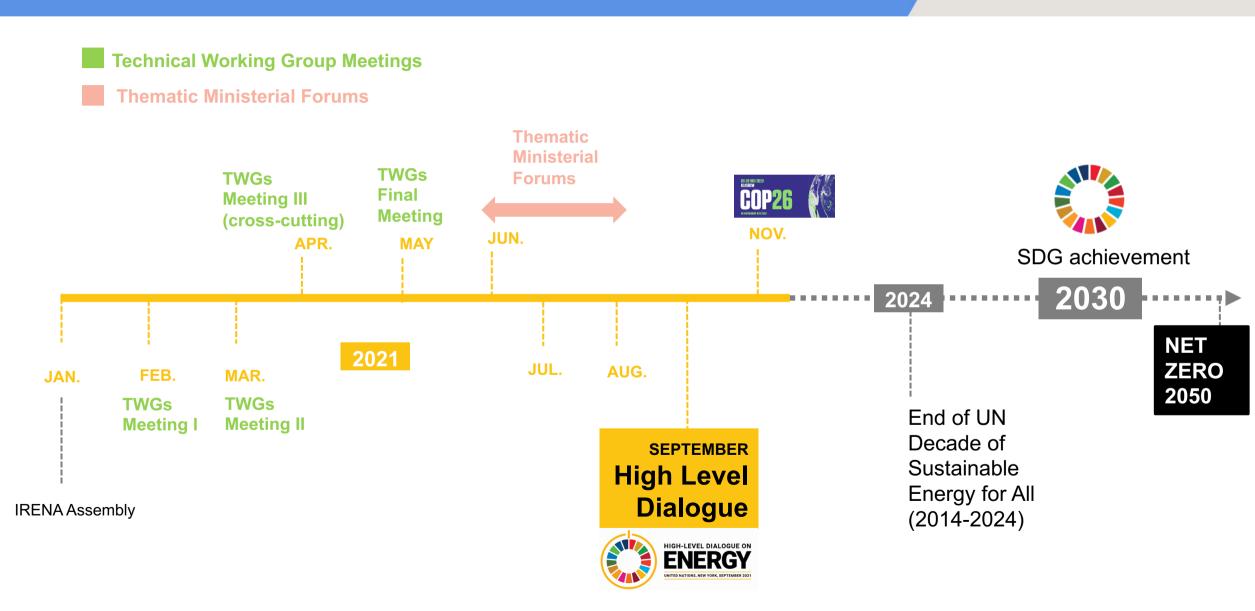
- The High-Level Dialogue will be a major event on energy in the months leading up to COP26 and will serve as milestone on the Energy and Climate agenda
- SRSG for SEforALL/UN-Energy Co-Chair is working closely with the COP Presidency to ensure that the outcomes of the High-level Dialogue will be **supportive and complimentary** to COP26, notably the NDC review process and expressions of greater ambition on energy and climate change
- Clean Energy is a priority of the COP Presidency and SEforALL has been working in partnership with the COP Presidency on the Clean Energy Transition Campaign and SRSG for SEforALL/UN-Energy Co-Chair will co-chair the newly established Clean Energy Transition Council
- The Council and Campaign will work to make the clean energy offer more attractive and seek ambitious commitments, which can be iterated in **Energy Compacts**





High-Level Dialogue 2021 – Timeline





2030 Sustainable Development



