

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

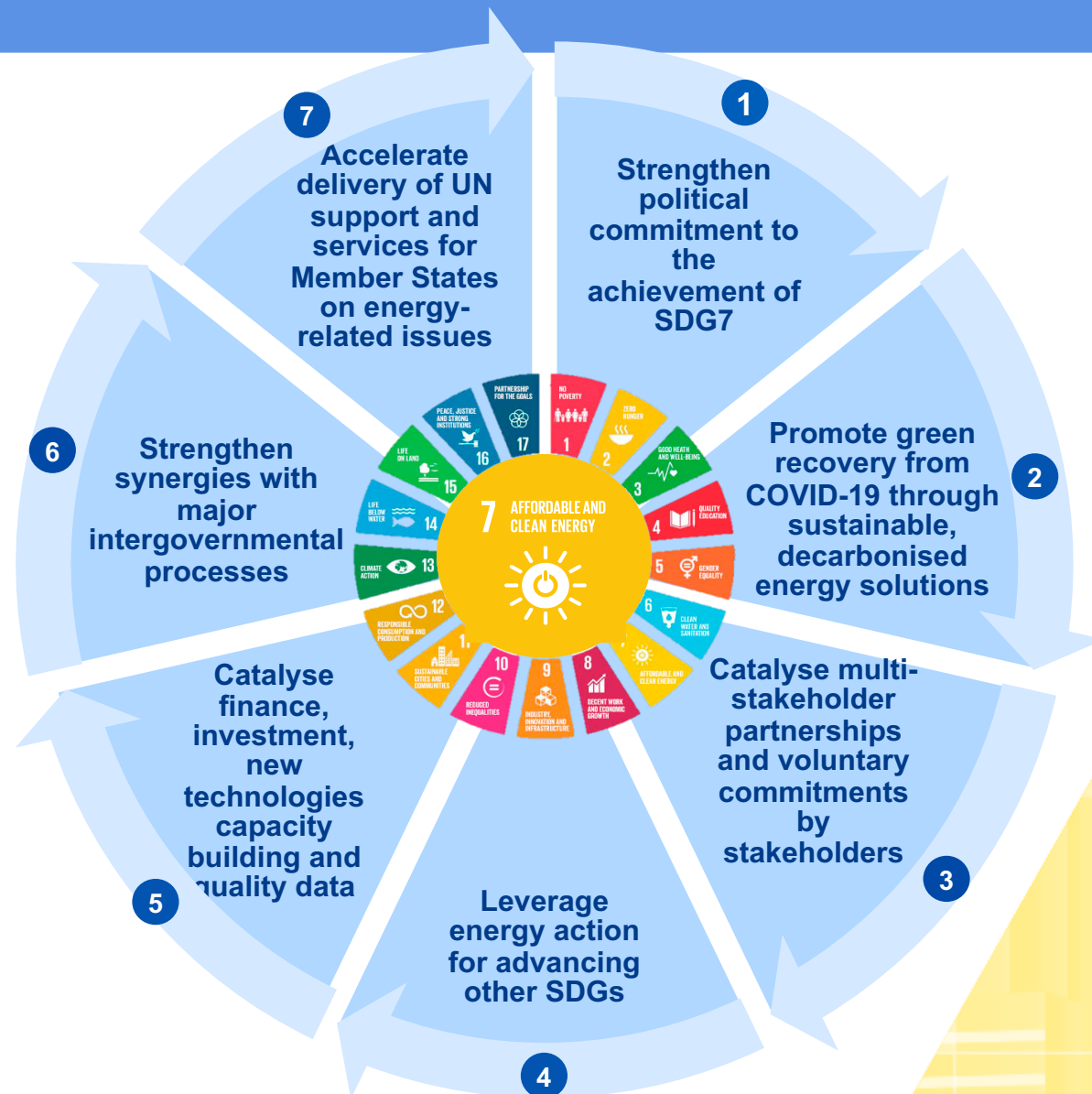
Invites the Secretary-General to convene a high-level dialogue in 2021 to promote the implementation of the energy-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



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, multi-stakeholder 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



« ...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

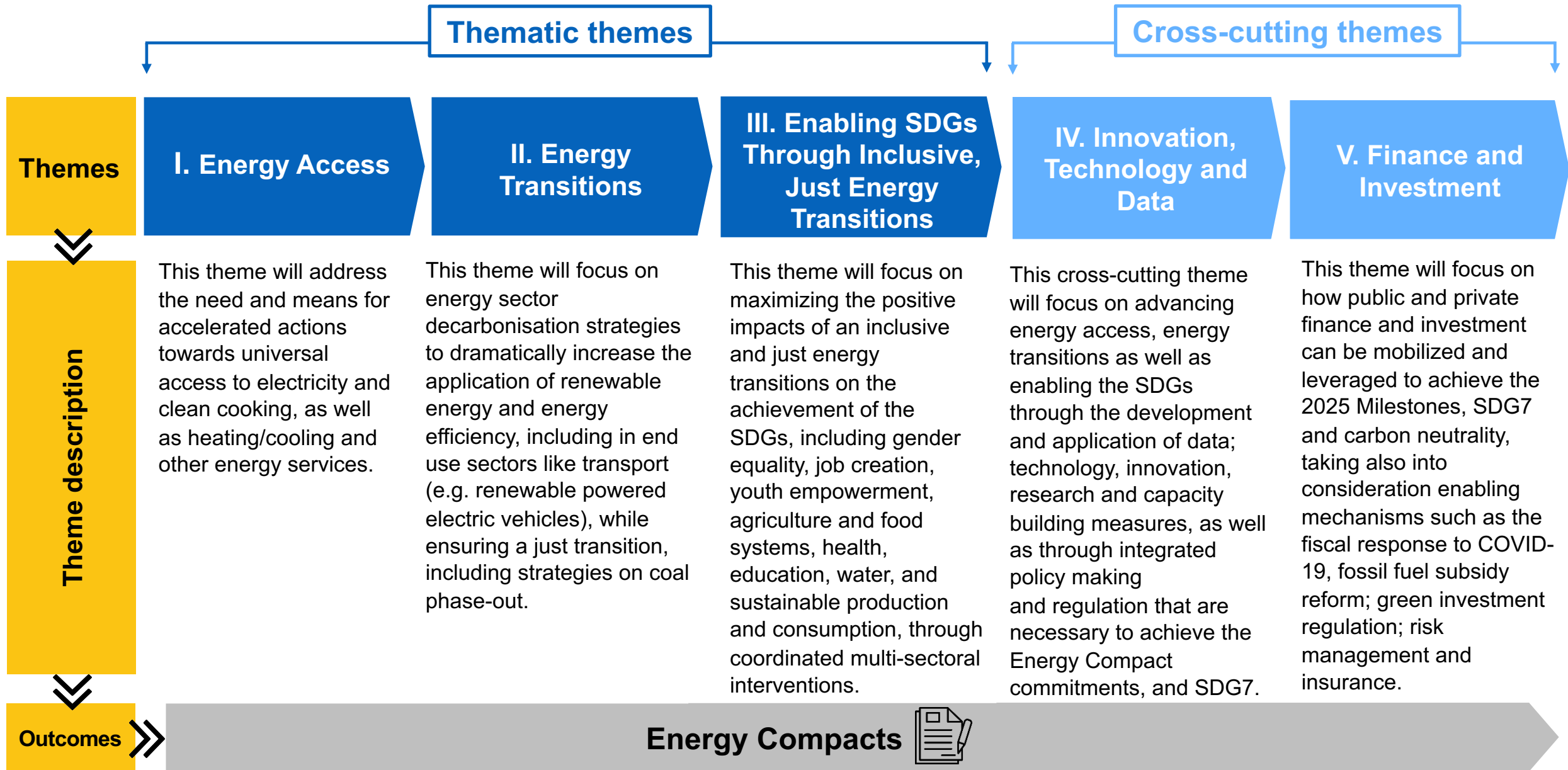
Includes, forward-looking statement with ambitious and concrete plans of action to further accelerate the SDG 7 implementation in support of the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs and climate action and comprehensive report of High-level Dialogue on Energy



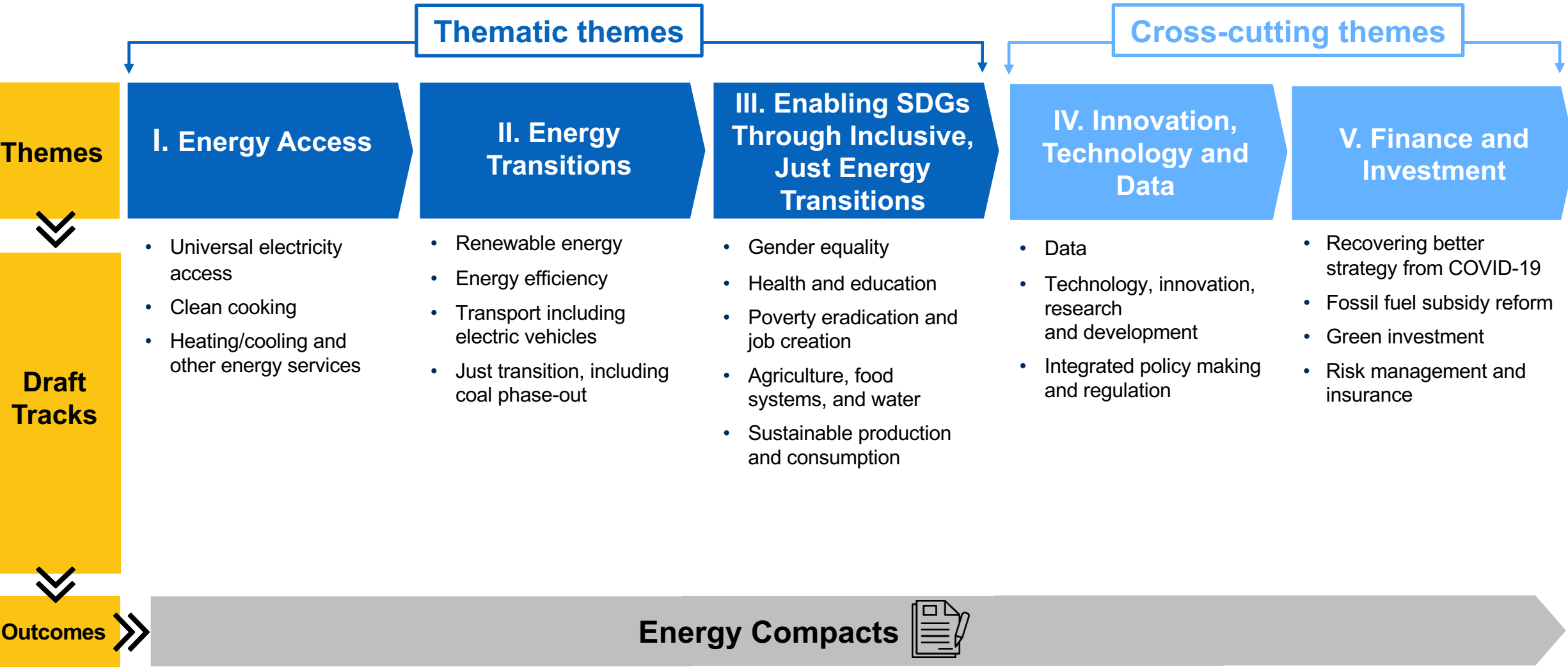
Energy Compacts

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.

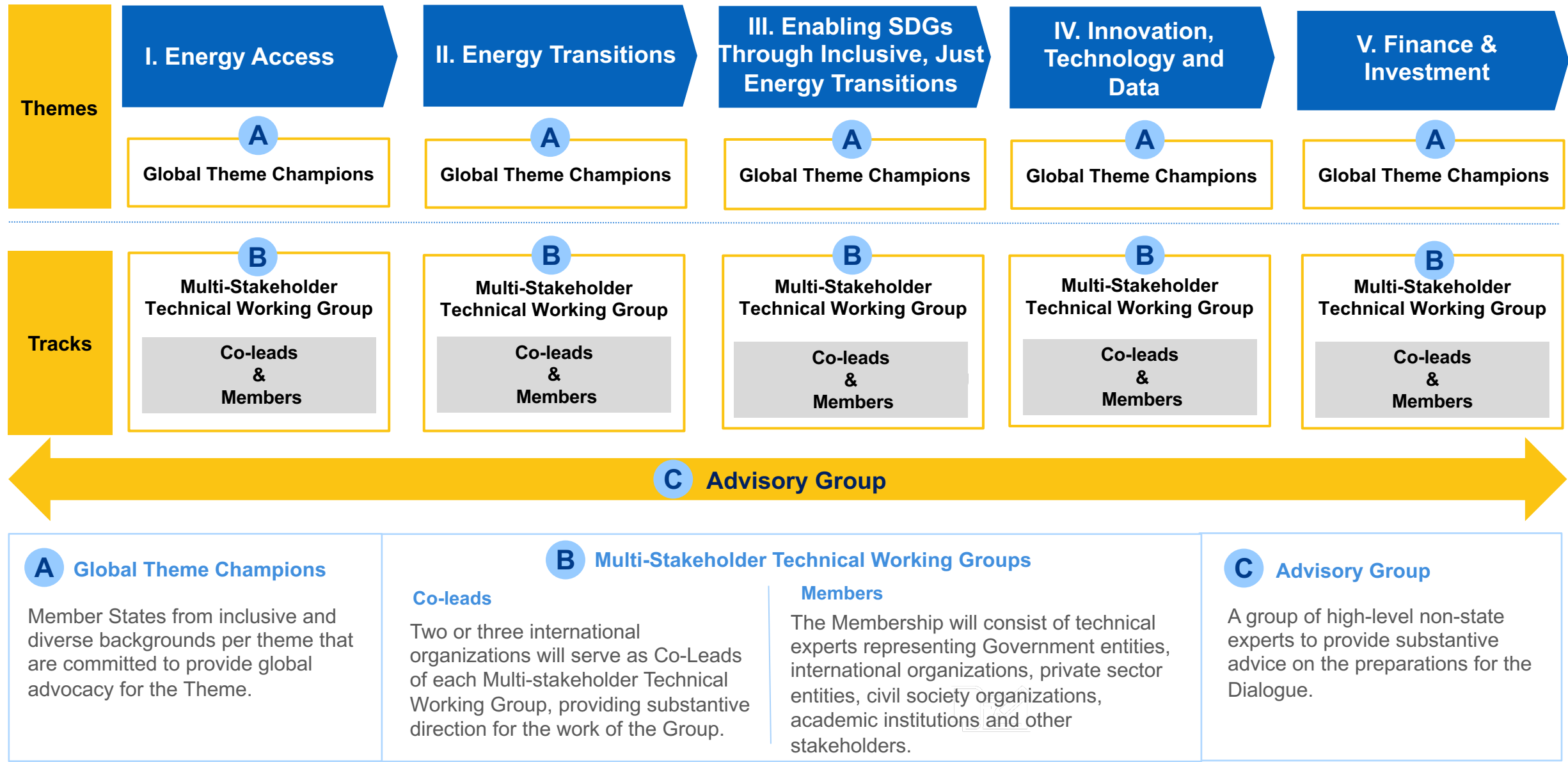
High-level Dialogue on Energy 2021: Themes



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



Roles and Responsibilities



- **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 high-quality 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.



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| Energy Access | Innovation, technology and data |
| Energy Transition | Finance and Investment |
| Enabling SDGs through inclusive and just transition | |

WHO

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



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| Governments | International organizations |
| Business | Multi-stakeholders including youth and academia |
| Civil society | |

HOW





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



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| NDCs | SDGs |
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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**

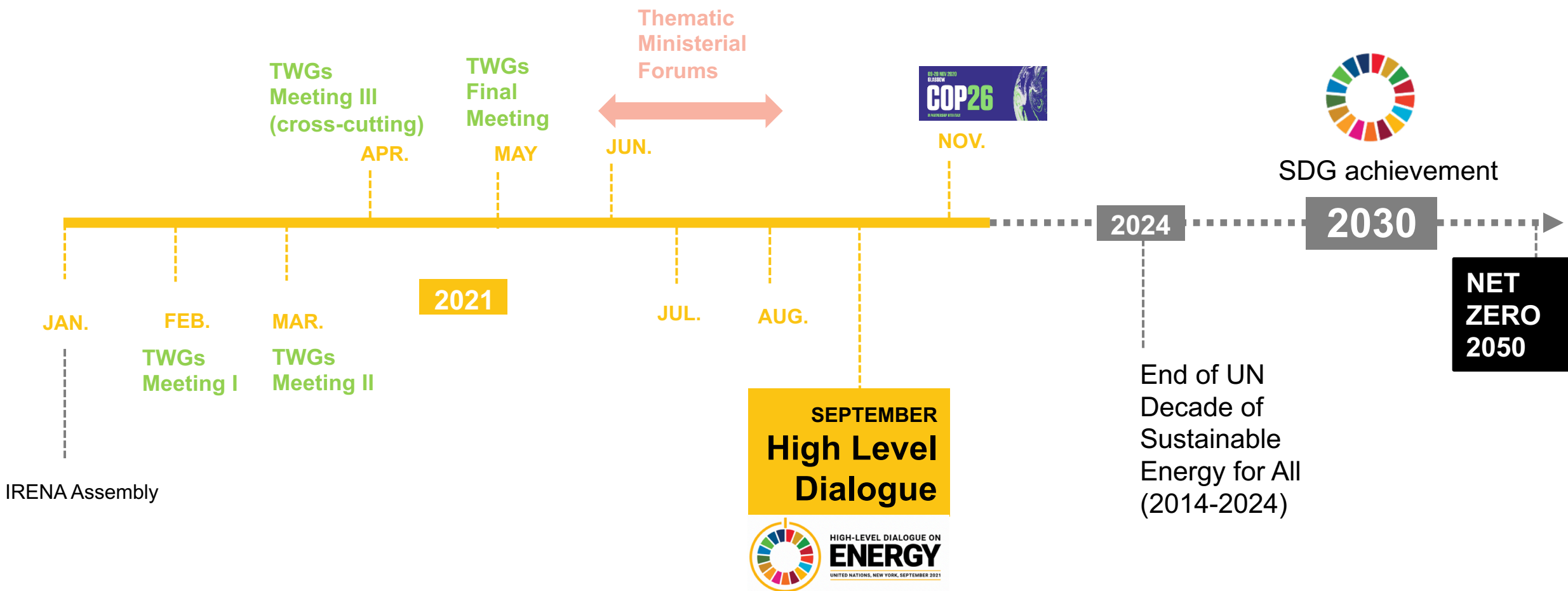


High-Level Dialogue 2021 – Timeline



■ Technical Working Group Meetings

■ Thematic Ministerial Forums



2030 ● Sustainable
Development

