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Event name: Regional Compact for Higher Performance ‘Eco-Efficient’ Lighting, Appliances and Equipment for All

Event date and time: 23 June 2021, 12.45 - 14.00 EST

Organizers: United Nations Environment Programme’s United for Efficiency (UNEP U4E) initiative

Number of participants: 36

Main speakers and brief summary [max 300 words]:

This event brought together governments, regional bodies, NGOs and the multi-national private sector (manufacturers, retailers and suppliers) to discuss firm commitments for internationally harmonised regional standards, fostering joint implementation support, market monitoring and financing, as well as encouraging incentives that ramp-up the introduction of eco-efficient products, including through green procurement. The objectives were to identify the need and benefits of accelerating the transition to energy-efficient, affordable, and climate-friendly lighting, appliances and equipment, discuss ongoing commitments by regions that are already developing harmonized standards for energy-efficient products, and exchange on possible commitments from industry on how they can support the transition.

Miriam Hinostroza, the Head of the United Nations Environment Programme of Global Climate Action Unit, formally opened the event and introduced the concept of Energy Compacts. This was followed by a panel discussion, moderated by **Patrick Blake**, Programme Officer, UNEP-U4E, on the regional compacts already underway on energy-efficient lighting, appliances and equipment, with representation from **Kudakwashe Ndhlukula**, Executive Director of the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE), **Septia Buntara Supendi**, Manager of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Department, ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), and **Guillermo Koutoudjian**, Acting Director of Integration, Access and Energy Security, Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE). A second panel, moderated by **Steven Kukoda**, Executive Director, International Copper Association (ICA), discussed commitments from manufacturers that efficient lighting, appliances and equipment are available, with representation from **Viktor Sundberg**, VP Environmental and EU Affairs, Electrolux, and

Miguel Oliva, Global Product Promotion, Transformers Business Unit, Hitachi ABB Power Grids. The event ended with closing remarks from **Paul Kellett**, U4E Programme Manager, UNEP.

Key outcomes [max 100 words]:

The event demonstrated opportunities Regional Energy Compacts on 'Eco-Efficient' Lighting, Appliances and Equipment. Speakers from regional centres in Southeast Asia, Southern Africa and Latin America described upcoming activities to develop harmonised policies for eco-efficient products.

Private sector speakers highlighted the availability of energy-efficient technologies, which can be deployed if policies are implemented. With these eco-efficient technologies, it is estimated that emerging economies can have significant savings, including saving electricity equivalent to over 300 large power plants and saving emerging economy consumers in all global regions more than \$60 billion annually. Follow-up discussions will occur manufacturers, retailers, regional centres and NGOs on formalizing the Compacts.

Links to livestream recording/website/social media:

- Event page: <https://united4efficiency.org/regional-compact-for-higher-performance-eco-efficient-lighting-appliances-and-equipment-for-all/>
- Recording: <https://youtu.be/lzselC4MXCU>
- Twitter follow up: <https://twitter.com/U4Efficiency/status/1408026393800327179>

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