



**UN-Energy Meeting**  
**1 October 2020 – 9:00 to 10:00 AM (NY Time)**  
**Teleconference**

**Meeting Summary**

Representatives of the UN-Energy member and partner organizations met via conference call on Wednesday, 9-10am EST, 1 October 2020. The list of the participants and the adopted agenda are attached in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

**1. Introduction by Co-Chairs**

- a. Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and UN-Energy Co-Chair, welcomed all participants, joined by Marcel Alers from UNDP who stood in for Achim Steiner, Administrator of UNDP and UN-Energy Co-Chair.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

- a. The agenda items for the meeting were adopted without amendments.

**3. Presentation by the SRSR on Energy Compacts followed by discussions**

- a. The SRSR highlighted the potential of the Energy Compacts as unique instruments towards the achievement of SDG7 and the objectives of the Paris Agreement. The Energy Compacts are slated to be one of the key outcomes of the High-level Dialogue on Energy. Some background on the rationale of the Energy Compacts was provided, clarifying their role vis-à-vis the NDCs and SDG7. An example of an Energy Compact was presented, illustrating its components, and the 5-step process of establishing an Energy Compact was detailed. Regarding the High-level Dialogue, the prospective role of UN-Energy members was discussed, and an indicative timeline for the preparations was presented. This includes a UN Energy Principals meeting in late October, the closing date of 31 October for expressions of interests in the Working Groups, and a briefing to Member States in early November.
- b. The subsequent discussions included, among others, the following:
  - i. The Energy Compacts were discussed further, including the issue of monitoring progress independently. It was also emphasized that the

Compacts would be developed together with the respective countries, rather than in isolation. Some countries have already signalled their interest.

- ii. The establishment, role and workload of the Technical Working Groups were elaborated on. In this regard, the ToR for the Technical Working Groups were discussed, detailing that there would be 2 heads for each group and that the work would entail, among other tasks, support to preparatory meetings and providing inputs, including a technical report.
- iii. Participants highlight the need to coordinate the preparations for the High-level Dialogue on Energy with other processes, especially COP26 which will take place only a few weeks after. The Secretariat underlined that such synergies are of special importance to the SG.
- iv. With regard to commitments from institutions to head the Technical Working Groups, UN-Energy members requested to receive more information on the number of preparatory meetings so that their principals can make an informed decision on their commitment.
- v. It was emphasized that the multi-stakeholder Technical Advisory Group on SDG7 can meaningfully contribute to the preparations for the High-level Dialogue, through relevant Technical Working Groups for the HLD. Moreover, the need for close coordination with relevant on-going efforts by other organizations and processes was stressed. This also includes making use of platforms such as the Vienna Energy Forum.
- vi. Regarding the UN-Energy meetings, participants asked to receive timely substantive information on the upcoming discussions, as to be able to better prepare their interventions. Recognizing the special significance of the upcoming UN-Energy Principles meeting, the Secretariat highlighted that briefing materials would be distributed in advance. In addition, there will be appropriate formal communication directly to the principals informing of the meeting. The Principals meeting will feature dedicated discussions on the High-level Dialogue. As such it will be complementary to the upcoming meeting of the HL Committee on Programme under CEB which will take note of the preparations for the High-level Dialogue.

#### **4. Update on the Dialogue preparatory processes**

- a. The Secretariat provided a brief update on the preparatory processes for the Dialogue and informed that the regional ministerial level meetings would take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021. The Secretariat is in contact with the Regional Commissions on this.

#### **5. Next Steps**

- a. UN-Energy meeting at principal level: Communications and materials will be prepared once the date has been determined.
- b. The next UN-Energy meeting at the technical level is likely to take place before the principals meeting in order to prepare the latter.

#### **6. Closing**

- a. In closing, Marcel Alers highlighted the need to broaden the stakeholder base for the High-level Dialogue and invited UN-Energy members to contribute some thoughts on this in writing within the next week.

#### **Annex 1 - List of participants**

	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
1.	SRSG for Sustainable Energy for All (co-chair)	Damilola Ogunbiyi
2.	UNDP (co-chair)	Marcel Alers
3.	EOSG	Julia Panzer
4.	IAEA	Wei Hang; Bertrand Magne; Henry Paillere
5.	UNESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
6.	UNESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
7.	UNEP	Mark Radka
8.	UNICEF	Rakshya R Thapa
9.	UNIDO	Rana Ghoneim
10.	UNITAR	Thomas Fohgrub, Mark Gibson
11.	WB	Rohit Khanna, Elisa Portale; Stephen Halloway
12.	WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani
13.	WMO	Roberta Boscolo
14.	IRENA (Partner)	Elizabeth Press; Emma Aberg; Sofja Giljova; Anastasia Kefalidou,
15.	SEforAll (Partner)	George Hampton; Ben Hartley; Amir Bahr; Maame Boateng; Ugochukwu Nwadiani
16.	UN DESA (Secretariat)	Minoru Takada; Bahareh Seyedi; Martin Niemetz; Nadine Salame



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