



UN-Energy Meeting

15 September 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, September 15, 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 SRSB on preparations for the High-level Dialogue on Energy in September 2021 followed by discussions:

The SRSB provided an overview of the High-level Dialogue on Energy, introducing potential tracks, expected roles of theme-based technical working groups and the multi-stakeholder working groups including anticipated outcomes and next steps. She stressed that organizations that want to co-chair technical working groups at the principal level should indicate their interest in themes in writing to (salame1@un.org) before October 15. The selection will be made by the UN-Energy Co-Chairs in their capacity as the Co-Chairs of the Dialogue appointed by the Secretary-General and their selection will be informed by institutions meeting the minimum requirements as set in the ToR.

- a. Given that UN-Energy is expected to provide substantive support for the Dialogue, she urged UN-Energy organisations to actively engage in the preparation processes.
- b. The Secretariat highlighted the new website for the Dialogue that was publicly circulated before the call, including the concept note for the Dialogue and the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group.
- c. The discussions included, among others, the following:
 - i. Links between the Dialogue and UNFCCC COP26 and other climate-related UN processes: It was explained that many of the tracks are related to climate issues and constant coordination is on-going with SG's climate action team, and with relevant UN organizations.
 - ii. Health-energy linkages with special regards to how clean cooking is addressed: It was underlined that the impacts of COVID-19 and clean cooking will both feature prominently in the framework of the Dialogue.

- iii. Timeline for the Energy Compacts: It was noted that there will be dedicated sessions on the Energy Compacts soon, to have a deeper dive into the substance and timeline.
- iv. Energy in situations of displacement: It was noted that energy's linkages with SDGs and other development issues will be one of the focus themes of the Dialogue.
- v. The time commitment required by the principals in the Dialogue process: It was clarified that the main role of the principals serving as co-chairs of working groups would be to set the direction, ensure quality outcomes, and undertake advocacy in high level gatherings. Day to day tasks of the working groups will be handled at the technical level.
- vi. Potential tracks: the point was raised that efforts should be made to address priority policy issues that link energy and climate, such as carbon tax. It was noted that further feedback on the proposed tracks would be very welcomed by the UN-Energy Co-chairs.
- vii. Preparatory meetings: It was explained that technical preparations would start from the 4th Q of 2020, while ministerial preparatory meetings, including at the regional level, would likely take place in the first half of 2021.
- d. The Secretariat noted the ongoing work on assembling an advisory group of the Secretary General for the Dialogue, a representative collection of highly-accomplished individuals who could provide strategic advice and also visibility to the event.
- e. Co-chairs and the Secretariat emphasized that the Dialogue is mandated by the Member States and there is palpable enthusiasm on behalf of Member States along with the UN top leadership to make it an impactful summit level event on a critical SDG.

4. Next Steps

- a. UN-Energy colleagues are invited to submit their suggestions and recommendations on the Dialogue preparations, including to indicate their interest in contributing to any of the working groups, as soon as possible but no later than 15 Oct (att: salame1@un.org)
- b. The next meeting of UN-Energy will focus on the Energy Compacts, in addition to providing an update on the arrangements for the Dialogue preparatory processes. The date/time will be announced shortly.
- c. It is planned that a UN-Energy meeting at principal level would be organized in October. More information will be shared in due course.

5. Closing

- a. The UN-Energy Co-chairs and the Secretariat thanked the participants for their valuable inputs and participation, emphasized the need to tap into the wealth of knowledge residing with UN-Energy members and the all-hands-on-deck efforts required to make the Dialogue successful, and concluded the meeting.

Annex 1 - List of participants

	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>
1.	SRSG for Sustainable Energy for All (co-chair)	Damilola Ogunbiyi
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3.	UNDP (co-chair)	Marcel Alers
4.	CEB secretariat	Luisa Karst
5.	EOSG	Kerry Constabile; Julia Panzer
5.	IAEA	Wei Hang; Bertrand Magne; Henry Paillere
6.	UNESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
7.	UNEP	Mark Radka, Miriam Suarez
8.	UNICEF	Rakshya R Thapa
9.	UNIDO	Nurzat Myrsalievat
10.	UNITAR	Thomas Fohgrub
11.	UNOHRLLS	Shifaana Thowfeequ
12.	WB	Elisa Portale; Stephen Halloway, Sheoli Pargal
13.	WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani
14.	WMO	Roberta Boscolo
15.	IRENA (Partner)	Elizabeth Press; Emma Aberg; Sofja Giljova; Anastasia Kefalidou, Susan Yango
16.	SEforAll (Partner)	George Hampton; Amir Bahr; Maame Boateng; Ugochukwu Nwadiani;
17.	UN DESA (Secretariat)	Minoru Takada; Martin Niemetz; Nadine Salame; David Koranyi



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- 6. Introduction by Co-Chairs**
- 7. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 8. Presentation by the SRSG on preparations for the High-level Dialogue on Energy in September 2021 followed by discussions:**
 - a. Identifying substantive tracks**
 - b. Organising technical working groups**
 - c. Considering expected outputs of the working groups**
 - d. Supporting preparatory meetings**
- 9. AOB**
- 10. Next Steps**
 - a. Next UN-Energy meeting**
- 11. Closing**