

MEETING SUMMARY

UN-Energy Meeting

5 February 2019

Representatives of the UN-Energy member and partner organizations at the technical level met via video conference call on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Mr Marcel Alers, and Mr George Hampton jointly chaired the meeting in their capacities as Sherpas for UN-Energy Co-Chairs, Mr Achim Steiner, Administrator of UNDP and Ms. Rachel Kyte, SRSG for Sustainable Energy for All, respectively.

1- Introduction

- a. The agenda for the current meeting were adopted without amendments.
- b. Marcel Alers noted that due to the low confirmation numbers on behalf of principals, it was decided that the current meeting will be held at the technical level.
- c. Marcel Alers and George Hampton introduced the purpose of the call: to finalize the revised versions of the two papers circulated, one on “A New Vision for UN-Energy” and the other on “Collective Energy Action: UN-Energy Plan of Action 2019”. They emphasized the iterative nature of the drafting process and asked for comments and suggestions the latest by February 6, that would allow for the finalization of the two papers by February 8.

2- Future of UN-Energy – Discussion on vision paper and action plan

The meeting participants welcomed both papers as a solid final draft. Comments and issues raised during the meeting included the following:

- a. The vision document should begin with the vision statement that could then be repeated in the body of the text.
- b. LDCs should be highlighted more prominently in the vision document, as countries that should not be left behind in the energy transition.
- c. The critical role of the private sector in helping achieve our common vision should be emphasized.
- d. While focusing in high impact large countries, smaller developing countries should not be overlooked.
- e. An effort shall be made to make specific announcements with targets at the Climate Summit with regard to the greening of the UN System in light of the recently adopted UNGA resolution on the subject.
- f. The emerging nature of the health and energy platform should be clarified.
- g. It is important to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the working group leads as well as meeting schedules for the working groups.
- h. All participants were asked to send written suggestions to the two documents before close of business on Wednesday, February 6. The two documents will be finalized and circulated to be adopted with no objection at the end of the week.

3- Briefing from the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the 2019 Climate Summit

- a. Thure Krarup representing the office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the 2019 Climate Summit gave a briefing on the preparations for the Climate Summit on September 23, with a series of side events in the preceding days, followed by a discussion among UN-Energy members about possible contributions to the preparations.
- b. The Summit's main goals are to raise global ambitions with serious commitments, and focus on action on the ground. The 23-person steering committee of the Climate Summit will meet on 6 February to refine priorities and deliverables.
- c. There will be 6 thematic tracks as announced earlier and three cross-cutting themes (raising political ambitions focusing on the G20, social drivers of the transition, and youth and mobilization). Energy is a core issues that cuts across all thematic areas, which provides an excellent opportunity to push the needle on the sustainable energy transition.
- d. The governments of Denmark and Ethiopia are expected to co-lead the energy track, with SRSG Rachel Kyte as the track's coordinator and institutional contact point (SRSG Kyte will sit on the steering committee along with the UNDP Administrator) and a coalition of others as needed.
- e. The preparatory process to determine the agenda and deliverables for the Summit is open-ended and inclusive and all UN-Energy members are expected to contribute with ideas on how to raise ambition levels and accelerate action globally, regionally and at the national levels.
- f. The Summit intends to look at difficult issues as well, such as decarbonization in the aviation and shipping sectors, in cooling, coal fired power plants in Asia, etc.
- g. Coalitions around the various workstreams are expected to submit their workplans to EOSG by the end of the February. Focus should not exclusively be given to developing countries, as many OECD countries are also struggling to raise ambitions and deliver on commitments.
- h. A preparatory meeting will take place in Abu Dhabi in June, dates to be announced soon. The aim is to set the stage for the Summit, in part by vetting proposed initiatives/actions before the Summit.

4- Briefing from UN DESA regarding the mid-point review of the Sustainable Energy for All

- a. Minoru Takada from UN DESA gave a briefing on upcoming activities in the context of the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024, with special regard to a dedicated mid-point review conference in New York on 23-24 May, and how it could support the forthcoming discussions at HLPF in July followed by a series of summit-level meetings in September.

5- Conclusions and next steps:

- a. The Vision and Action Plan documents will be finalized and circulated shortly for no objection.
- b. The next UN-Energy meeting will be held on 5 March to discuss how to swiftly translate the action plan into concrete joint activities.
- c. UN DESA to compile a list of potential meeting times/dates for Sherpa meetings of UN-Energy for the remainder of 2019 focusing on potential gatherings on the margins of likely of other opportunities to attract the members and partners of UN-Energy.
- d. Following discussions by the Sherpas with the Co-chairs, going forward, the default for UN-Energy would be to operate on the technical level, keeping the Co-Chairs informed and up-to-date on a regular and ongoing basis, with periodic more formal updates to be presented by the Co-Chairs in the CEB meeting or other relevant forum.

Annex 1 - List of participants

| | <u>Organization</u> | <u>Name</u> |
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| 1. | UNDP (co-chair) | Marcel Alers |
| 2. | SRSG for Sustainable Energy for All (co-chair) | George Hampton |
| 3. | EOSG | Thure Krarup (on behalf of the office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Climate Summit) Kerry Constabile |
| 4. | IFAD | Karan Sehgal |
| 5. | OHRLLS | Miniva Chibuye |
| 6. | UNESCAP | Hongpeng Liu; Kohji Iwakami |
| 7. | UNECE | Scott Foster; Gianluca Sambucini |
| 4. | UNICEF | Amy Wickham |
| 5. | UNEP | Mark Radka; John Christensen |
| 6. | UNFCCC | Daniele Violetti |
| 7. | UNIDO | Rana Ghoneim; Cassandra Pillay; Dominika Zaher |
| 8. | UNITAR | Thomas Fohgrub |
| 9. | WB | Stephen Halloway |
| 10. | WHO | Heather Adair-Rohani |
| 11. | IRENA (Partner) | Ahmed Abdel-Latif, Martin Niemetz |
| 12. | UN Foundation (partner) | Jem Porcaro, Kip Patrick |
| 13. | SE4ALL (Partner) | Glenn Pearce-Oroz |
| 14. | Ren21 (Partner) | Rana Adib |
| 15. | UN DESA (Secretariat) | Minoru Takada, Nadine Salame, David Koranyi |