



UN-Energy Meeting

1 September 2021 – 9:00 to 10:00 AM (NY Time)

Teleconference

Meeting Summary

UN-Energy member and partner organizations met at the technical level via conference call on Wednesday, 09:00 - 10:00 EST, 1 September 2021. The list of participants and the agenda are attached in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

1. Welcome Remarks by the UN-Energy Co-chairs

- a. On behalf of the UN-Energy Co-Chairs, UNDP welcomed the participants and outlined the critically important mission of and global context for the upcoming High-level Dialogue on Energy in September, designed to help countries advance SDG7 in its all dimensions in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

2. Adoption of the agenda

- a. The agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. Update on the High-level Dialogue on Energy 2021

- a. The Secretariat gave a detailed update on the preparations for the High-level Dialogue on Energy, to take place on 24 September, 09:30-18:00 EDT, with full interpretation services (presentation slides attached to this summary). The Secretary-General is convening the Dialogue on the Summit level. Given time constraints there will be a limited number of speakers from UN entities, business, youth and other constituencies who will be invited to speak at the Dialogue. Side events will take place in the morning of 24 September, and a special event may take place during lunchtime. Additional events, including energy action focused events featuring Energy Compacts may take place already on 23 September and before.
- b. The Dialogue will be informed by the outcome of the five Ministerial Thematic Forums which were convened between 21 and 25 June, co-convened by the Dialogue Secretary-General and the Dialogue Co-Chairs and co-hosted by the 30 Member State Global Champions. The Forums brought together (in virtual format) around 50 Ministers and over 20 executive or deputy executive heads of UN agencies or other international organizations, as well as 300 expert speakers. A total of 1,500 participants from national and local government, businesses, international organizations, NGOs and youth joined the Forums at 80 side events. The deliberations during the Forums, supported by the five Theme Reports developed by the Technical Working Groups and the dozens of Energy Compacts that were launched at the Forums, provide key inputs into the Dialogue in September.
- c. The prospective outcomes of the Dialogue will be:

- A Global Roadmap towards the achievement of SDG 7 by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050, included as part of the Dialogue Summary by the Secretary-General.
 - Energy Compacts: voluntary commitments and actions by governments, business and other stakeholders, in support of SDG 7 and net zero emissions.
- d. In addition, the following deliverables will facilitate follow-up actions.
- UN-Energy action plan, to help translate the Global Roadmap into action on the ground, towards a set of 2025 milestones.
 - A global multistakeholder network (Energy Compact Action Network) to continue to catalyze Energy Compacts and investment, supported by UN-Energy. A concept note will be circulated soon.
- e. These outcomes are intended to contribute towards the first years of the Decade of Action for the SDGs as well as UNFCCC/COP26. It will also support the ongoing UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014 -2024.
- f. A draft of the UN-Energy action plan will be shared in the coming weeks. The Dialogue's detailed agenda - including heads of state/government and other speakers - is in the progress of being further elaborated. A version of it will be posted online by the end of the week. A detailed version will be shared with UN-Energy members as well.
- g. The Secretariat asked heads of UN-Energy organizations to indicate their interest in participating in the agenda together with heads of state/governments, or at a side event. Clear guidelines on side events will also be communicated to UN-Energy members very soon.

4. UN-Energy Energy Compacts

- a. The Secretariat gave an update on the progress on Energy Compacts. Energy Compacts are a critical tool to solicit and follow-up on voluntary commitments and partnerships. The Compacts are designed to be fully in support of the Nationally Determined Contributions and other national development strategies, thereby contributing simultaneously to UNFCCC/COP26 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- b. 80 Compacts have been submitted so far and are being reviewed jointly by UN DESA, UNDP and SE4All. Compacts analyzed so far already have an estimated combined impact of \$3.4 billion of investments, 508 million people to be electrified, and 425 million people to be supplied by clean energy. Many more Compacts are anticipated to be announced by the time of the Dialogue.
- c. UN-Energy provides support for the Energy Compact process. A dedicated webpage and a dashboard have been launched for Energy Compacts, with detailed information, calling for the submission of Energy Compacts by all stakeholders.
- d. The Compact process is an open all the way until 2030: existing Compacts can be revised and upgraded and new Compacts can also be submitted anytime after the Dialogue.
- e. The UN-Energy Pledge (Annex 3) is being translated into the format of an Energy Compact – a draft version was circulated ahead of this meeting (Annex 4).
- f. Participants emphasized the need to clarify what constitutes clean energy, what do we mean by just transition, and what are the exact targets on the phase-out of coal and fossil fuel subsidies, and offered their support to help with the phrasing of the requirements. Indicators for the Paris Agreement would be important to be reflected in the Compacts. The critical importance of energy as a service and a mean to achieve

other SDGs need to be highlighted and be added to the Compact template. High levels of ambition need to be met with a high degree of pragmatism to preserve credibility.

- g. The Secretariat welcomed all suggestions and with regard to the deadline for submitting Compacts emphasized its flexibility while allowing enough time to properly review submitted Compacts. Individual organizations working on an Energy Compacts are encouraged to submit it in due course.

5. UN-Energy Principals meeting

- a. A UN-Energy Principals meeting will take place the week of 13 September, dates TBD, for an hour, most likely early morning New York time.

6. Updates from UN-Energy organizations

- a. The Food Systems Summit also taking place in September will promote linkages between energy security and food security, and will highlight the critical role of innovation and data.
- b. An energy action day will be organized by the Government of Denmark, IRENA, UNEP and the World Economic Forum.
- c. UN-Energy members are encouraged to share their planned side events and other activities with the Secretariat.

7. Closing

- a. On behalf of the Co-Chairs, UNDP thanked participants for their valuable contributions and urged all to make sure the UN System “walks the talk” and delivers an impactful pledge at the Dialogue to ensure that the UN is seen as able to rise to the challenge and act as a north star for other key stakeholders on energy action.

ANNEX 1: Participants List – *To be added*

ANNEX 2: Agenda



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5. UN-Energy programme of work (timeline)
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9. Closing

ANNEX 3

The UN-Energy Pledge

UN-Energy, working with all UN system partners and UN Country Teams, commits to helping Member States and their partners to attain these **milestones to be achieved by 2025** towards SDG 7 and net zero emissions, as they build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic:

Access

- **500 million** more people with electricity access
- **1 billion** more people with access to clean cooking solutions across the world

Transition

- **100% increase** in modern renewables capacity globally and **100% renewable-based power targets** established in 100 countries
- 3% annual efficiency improvement in at least 50 countries across the world

Resilience

- **30 million** jobs in renewable energy and energy efficiency
- **Re-direct** fossil fuel subsidies towards clean energy and end financing for new coal power plants
- Annual CO2 emission reductions building up gradually from **3-4 GT in 2021 to a level of 15 GT annually in 2025**.

Finance

- **Double** annual clean energy investment globally (relative to the current level)
- Raise energy access investment to **US\$40 billion** per year, of which 50 per cent should be directed to the LDCs

Note: Draft as of September 2021, subject to further refinements.

ANNEX 4: Draft UN-Energy Compact



DRAFT ENERGY COMPACT SECURING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE FOR ALL

A next Decade Action Agenda to advance SDG7 on sustainable energy for all, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change

14 September 2021
Draft

UN-Energy is the United Nations' mechanism for inter-agency collaboration in the field of energy. It seeks to accelerate the achievement of SDG 7 in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change, as countries scale-up action and investment for energy access, renewable energy and energy efficiency. By making their energy sectors more sustainable, their economies can follow a more equitable growth path, contributing to poverty eradication while combating climate change and increasing their resilience. Further, UN Energy must act together to ensure:

- **Systemic transformation**, particularly the transition to green, equitable, inclusive and digital economies and societies;
- **No-one left behind**: a human-centred approach based on human lives, livelihood and development;
- **Resilience**: strengthening systems to respond to different risks, ranging from crisis and conflict to natural disasters, health or economic shocks.

UN-Energy recognizes that access to energy multiplies the impact and potential of sustainable development. It recognizes that the energy transition must be inclusive, just and sustainable, to end energy poverty, deliver jobs, better infrastructure, affordable energy options, and address the climate emergency.

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AMBITION	
Ambitions to achieve SDG7 by 2030.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7.1. By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services.	Target(s): 500 million more people with access to energy 1 billion more people to access to clean cooking solutions Time frame: 2021 – 2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 7.2. By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.	Target(s): 100 percent increase in modern renewables capacity globally and 100% renewable-based power targets established in 100 countries Time frame: 2021- 2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 7.3. By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency.	Target(s): 3 percent annual efficiency improvement in at least 50 countries across the world

	Time frame: 2021 - 2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 7.a. By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology.	Target(s): Double annual clean energy investment globally (relative to the current level) 30 million jobs in renewable energy and energy efficiency Just transitions to phase out fossil fuel subsidies and end financing for new coal power plants Annual CO2 emission reductions building up gradually from 3-4 GT in 2021 to a level of 15 GT annually in 2025. Time frame: 2021 - 2025
<input type="checkbox"/> 7.b. By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and land-locked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programs of support.	Target(s): Raise energy access investment to US\$40 billion per year, of which 50 per cent should be directed to the LDCs Time frame: 2021 - 2025

ANNEX: INDIVIDUAL ENERGY COMPACT COMMITMENTS

Please provide reference to your agency or organization specific Energy Compact(s), which may contain specific details of your contribution to the overarching UN Energy Pledge highlighted in the section above.