



UN-Energy Meeting at the Technical Level

7 April 2022 – 08:00 – 09:00 EST (NY Time)

Teleconference

Meeting Summary

UN-Energy member and partner organizations met at the technical level via conference call on Tuesday, 7 April 2022, 08:00 - 09:00 EDT. The agenda and the list of participants are attached as Annex 1 and Annex 2.

1. Implementing the UN-Energy Plan of Action: Priority Activities for 2022 and Next Steps

- a. The Secretariat gave an update on the pathway to operationalizing the UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025. The Launch of the UN-Energy Plan of Action and the Energy Compact Action Network was supposed to take place last month, but in consultation with the UN-Energy co-chairs, it was decided to be postponed to May 4.
- b. The “Transforming Commitments into Action - Delivering on the Outcomes of the High-Level Dialogue on Energy: Launch of the UN-Energy Plan of Action and the Energy Compact Action Network” event will thus now be held on Wednesday, 4 May 2022 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST. Video messages from the UN-Energy principals are being gathered, many organizations noted that they already sent or in the process of sending theirs.
- c. In the context of operationalizing the UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025, the Secretariat proposed to consider the establishment of the following workstreams consistent with the priority deliverable areas presented in the Plan:
 - i. Joint programmes, such as on access to electricity via mini-/off-grid solutions, clean cooking, phasing out fossil fuel subsidies, national SDG7 Roadmaps;
 - ii. Energy Compact Action Network;
 - iii. Global Campaign for SDG7 Action;
 - iv. Carbon Neutral UN: UN-Energy’s joint support to Greening the Blue;
 - v. Global SDG7 Action Forum that will take place at the margins of the UN General Assembly in September;
 - vi. Policy Analysis: publications on accelerating just, inclusive, equitable energy transitions, food-water-energy nexus and more;
 - vii. SDG7 Action Data Hub & Tracking;
 - viii. Implications of the Ukraine-crisis (ad-hoc short-term workstream: supporting the SG’s Global Emergency Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance;
- d. The Secretariat requested inputs from UN-Energy organizations on potential specific activities/outputs for 2022 under each of the workstreams. Based on the inputs from UN-Energy organizations, the secretariat will suggest working arrangements with more details, for the next UN-Energy meeting at the technical level.

2. Update on the Global Emergency Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance

- a. The Secretariat underlined the critical importance of the Ukraine-crisis and related ongoing work and emphasized the need to tap into the collective wisdom of UN-

Energy to help compile measures to be taken by the UN-System and the international community.

- b. The Secretariat gave a presentation on the work of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance (GCRG) in the UN Secretariat the Secretary-General set up on March 14 to coordinate the global response to the worldwide impacts of the crisis in Ukraine. The GCRG consists of a steering committee with 30+ UN/international organizations, supported by three workstreams on food, energy and finance respectively. The energy workstream is co-led by SRSO Damilola Ogunbiyi and Rachel Kyte of the Tufts University. The Group's mandate is initially for a duration of 6 months, after which an assessment will take place whether to continue its work going forward. The purpose of the GCRG is to ensure:
 - i. High-level political leadership to get ahead of the immense inter-connected challenges of food security, energy and financing,
 - ii. A coordinated global response to the ongoing crises that have been accelerated and exacerbated by the war in Ukraine,
 - iii. Clear view on the potential ripple effects of current events on food, energy, and financial markets in the coming months to develop a level of preparedness
- c. The Secretary-General shared the first set of recommendations by the GCRG in his remarks at the Security Council on 5 April.
- d. To provide inputs to the on-going work of the GCRG as well as to consolidate UN-Energy's perspectives on the implications of the crisis on the achievement of SDG7 and net zero emissions, the Secretariat will under separate cover request all UN-Energy members to share any relevant analysis, data sets and suggestions.

3. Open Discussion

- a. Participants pledged to support the implementation of the UN Energy Action Plan this year, including the launch and development of the workstreams Participants. The issues raised included, among others:
 - i. The energy-health nexus is highly relevant and important in the context of the Ukraine-crisis, and focus on ongoing work on providing electricity in healthcare facilities, decentralized energy systems, and clean cooking remains key.
 - ii. An analysis on how to best leverage the crisis to push even faster for the transition to renewables would be helpful.
 - iii. There is a substantial body of work already within the UN-System to support economic recovery.
 - iv. There is a need for an assessment on the repercussions of the crisis, as many UN organizations have a broad mandate and typically work on the nexus areas, such as food-energy-water.
 - v. Efforts to support the development of national SDG7 roadmaps that have been implemented in the Asia and the Pacific region could potentially be replicated in other regions, including through online platforms that allow users to develop their own scenarios.
- b. The 11th edition of the World Urban Forum WUF11 will take place in Katowice in Poland from 26 to 30 June 2022, presenting a good opportunity to have a meeting with UN-Energy members that will be attending the event.
- c. There is ongoing work in Ukraine to ensure safety and security of nuclear facilities.

4. Next Steps:

- a. The Secretariat also outlined the next steps:
 - i. Suggestions for further activities are welcome by 20 April;
 - ii. Video messages (one-minute video) from UN-Energy Principals for global launch welcome by 22 April;
 - iii. Next meeting of UN-Energy at technical level (virtual) to take place on 28 April;
 - iv. 4 May: Global launch event (key top line messages will be worked out jointly);
 - v. May/June/July: In-person UN-Energy meeting at technical level (1.5 days) on operationalizing the UN-Energy Plan of Action, with the intention to meet in-person twice per year. Date and Venue tbd, suggestions/hosts are welcome;
 - vi. September: 1st Global SDG7 Action Forum in the margins of the UNGA in New York;
 - vii. November: UN-Energy Pavilion with the Energy Compact Action Network at UNFCCC/COP27;
- b. The Secretariat will circulate a note to request inputs from UN-Energy organisations on the implications of the crisis on energy issues, as inputs to the GCRG and to consolidate UN-Energy's perspectives.
- c. The Secretariat thanked all participants for the valuable contributions and adjourned the meeting.

Annex 1 : list of participants

	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>
1.	SMSG for Sustainable Energy for All (co-chair)	Kanika Chawla
2.	UNDP (co-chair)	Stefanie Held, Anne Marx Lorenzen
3.	EOSG	Julia Panzer
4.	FAO	Olivier Dubois
5.	IAEA	Wei Huang, Bertrand Magne, Bianca Carpinelli
6.	UNESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
7.	UN HABITAT	Vincent Ndountio Kitio, Souleymane Diawara,
8.	UNITAR	Thomas Fohgrub
9.	WB	Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
10.	WFP	Raffaella BELLANCA
11.	WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani
12.	WMO	Roberta Boscolo, Hamid Bastani
13.	IRENA (Partner)	Wilfried Biya, Anastasia Kefalidou, Sofja Giljova
14.	SEforAll (Partner)	Nora Li
15.	UN DESA (Secretariat)	Minoru Takada, Bahareh Seyedi, Martin Niemetz, Nadine Salame, David Koranyi, Pragati Pascale, Isabel Raya

ANNEX 2: Agenda



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- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Implementing the UN-Energy Plan of Action: Priority Activities for 2022 and Next Steps**
- 4. The Upcoming Launch of the UN-Energy Plan of Action and the Energy Compact Action Network**
- 5. UN-Energy Calendar of Events 2022**
- 6. Update on the Global Emergency Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance**
- 7. AOB**
- 8. Closing**