

UN-Energy Meeting (technical level)

18 December 2024, 08:30 – 09:30 EDT (NY Time)

Virtual meeting

Meeting Summary

UN-Energy members and partner organizations met virtually at the technical level on 18 December 2024, 08:30 to 9:30 EDT. The agenda is attached in Annex 1. The list of participants is attached in Annex 2.

1. Welcome

The Secretariat opened the meeting by welcoming UN-Energy members and expressing gratitude for their collaboration throughout the year. This meeting was highlighted as an opportunity to share updates on ongoing work, including preparations for the International Day of Clean Energy in 2025. With the UN-Energy Plan of Action set to conclude in 2025, the Secretariat emphasized the importance of using this time to reflect on what could succeed it. The Secretariat also underscored the need to begin considering pathways toward 2030 and a post-2030 framework, emphasizing the continued progress required to achieve SDG7 and common goals.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

3. Implementing the UN-Energy Plan of Action

• Joint Action: Update

UNDP provided a review and update on UN-Energy joint action, recalling the progress made this year, including a global survey to identify target countries for collaboration across energy access, renewable energy, and just transitions. From this, a concept was developed to guide joint activities, focusing on themes such as just energy transitions, clean cooking as a priority, and the need for increased private-sector finance. Three key actions for the year ahead were identified: defining UN-Energy's role in accelerating energy access, particularly considering other major initiatives; identifying key moments to engage with donors and present joint strategies; and enhancing coordination of existing activities to leverage ongoing efforts for greater impact. Members expressed support for these efforts.

• Energy Compacts: Update

SEforALL provided an update, noting that through the Energy Compacts, countries like Indonesia are making significant strides in advancing renewable energy development. Under the Brazil G20 Presidency, an Energy Compact on Just Transition was developed as part of a COP partnership. This compact outlines ten principles defining a just transition, which were officially endorsed and launched during COP. Efforts are now underway to encourage more countries and organizations to join this initiative, with Brazil aiming to expand engagement beyond G20 countries. The annual tracking report for the Energy Compacts showed an increased response rate compared to previous years.

• Analysis: Updates on Tracking SDG7 – The Energy Progress Report 2024

Data collection for the SDG7 Progress Report is underway, following the usual timeline. A draft is expected by March, which will then be submitted to the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group for peer review. The theme of the report will focus on enhancing inclusive solutions to ensure no one is left behind. This theme aligns with the priorities of the G20 presidency and COP30, which will be held in Brazil.

Communications: Preparations for International Day of Clean Energy 2025

Considering that in 2025, the 26 January is a Sunday, communications efforts for the International Day of Clean Energy will focus on 23 January 2025. This year's theme is "Clean Energy for a Brighter Future." A high-level event will be held on 23 January 2025, at UNHQ in New York, convened by DESA, supported by UN-Energy, and co-hosted by the Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of Sustainable Energy (Denmark, Ethiopia, Norway and Pakistan). There will be a high-level line up and in-person participation by UN-Energy principals is very welcome. Alternatively, one-minute video messages for the event from UN-Energy Principals can be submitted by 14 January. The event will be covered on UN Web TV and the recording will be posted on the International Day of Clean Energy website. Communication efforts will include a dedicated website and a Trello board with digital assets, which will be shared with members. Suggested key messages have been drafted and will be shared to support a joint push for awareness and action. Members were encouraged to amplify the campaign globally, particularly through field offices. It was also highlighted that January 2025 would be recognized as SDG7 Month. It was noted that IRENA will hold an event on 17 January which will contribute to efforts to amplify global outreach on the occasion of the International Day of Clean Energy.

4. **AOB**

No issues were raised under AOB.

5. Next steps & closing

The Secretariat outlined the immediate next steps, including sharing communication assets for the International Day of Clean Energy. Members were encouraged to provide feedback on the participation of UN-Energy Principals for the event. Efforts will continue to advance joint action, mobilize energy compacts, as well as the analysis and tracking report. The upcoming IRENA Assembly, taking place from 11-13 January in Abu Dhabi was emphasized as a key moment, including also a side-event on SDG7 supported by UN-Energy. To support coordination on this, it would be helpful if UN-Energy colleagues planning to attend would notify the Secretariat.



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Annex 2:

List of Participants

Organization	Name
EOSG	Catalina Santamaria, Clemence Lize
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