



### **UN-Energy Meeting (technical level)**

17 June 2025, 08:30 – 9:30 EDT (NY Time)

*Virtual meeting*

## **Meeting Summary**

UN-Energy members and partner organizations met virtually at the technical level on 17 June 2025, from 08:30 to 10:00 EDT. The agenda is attached in Annex 1. The list of participants is attached in Annex 2.

### **1. Welcome**

The meeting was opened by the UN-Energy Secretariat, which welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of the discussions in preparation for the UN-Energy Retreat in July. UNDP, as co-chair, underlined the critical moment for UN-Energy to define transformative, catalytic, and innovative actions to accelerate progress towards SDG7, highlighting emerging global trends, technological advances, and the growing geopolitical relevance of energy transitions.

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

### **3. Developing the UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2030: Substantive Priorities and Deliverables**

The Secretariat recalled the process of developing the new Plan of Action Towards 2030, building on prior discussions. The meeting focused on presentations from focal points on five proposed substantive priorities to be included in the Plan:

**Clean Cooking** (WHO, World Bank, UNDP): The presentation emphasized the need for a strengthened UN platform and coordinated country-level engagement to eliminate cooking poverty by 2030. Proposals included regional action plans, national coordination, joint missions, and stronger integration into NDCs and national planning processes, supported by health, environment, gender, and development co-benefits.

**Energy Compacts** (SEforALL, DESA): The presenter outlined how the Energy Compacts provide a voluntary, inclusive platform for governments and non-state actors to commit to SDG7 and net zero targets. Proposed deliverables included strengthening alignment with UN system activities, leveraging existing partnerships, enhancing accountability through annual reporting, and exploring deeper private sector engagement.

**Critical Energy Transition Minerals** (UNECE, ESCWA supported by Regional Commissions): The presentation underscored the importance of responsible and diversified mineral value chains to support the clean energy transition. Planned deliverables included a global policy framework on lifecycle accountability, regional dialogues on midstream value addition, ESG disclosure harmonization, and development of investment de-risking frameworks.

**Digitalization** (ESCWA, UNECE): The presenters emphasized the role of digital technologies in improving energy access, planning, monitoring, and data quality, especially in fragile contexts and least developed regions. Planned work includes developing a baseline assessment of UN digitalization activities, fostering coordination across UN agencies, establishing a knowledge exchange platform, and producing thematic policy briefs.

**Data** (presentation postponed due to scheduling conflicts): The Secretariat noted that the presentation slides will be circulated for feedback.

#### **4. Open Discussion**

Participants welcomed the presentations and engaged in a constructive exchange. Key points included:

- The need to ensure close coordination with UN Resident Coordinators and country teams to enable integrated country-level action.
- Calls to align ongoing work on critical minerals with the UN Secretary-General's Critical Energy Transition Minerals Panel, as well as to engage with UNCTAD and existing extractives industry working groups.
- Recognition of the potential for innovative clean cooking solutions, particularly electricity-based cooking options enabled by renewable energy access and digitalization.
- Suggestions to ensure alignment with G7 and G20 processes, ongoing clean cooking initiatives, and emerging international efforts on digitalization, grid interconnectivity, and long-term energy planning.
- Participants noted that it could be more effective to consider digitalism and data together.
- A proposal was made to explore a centralized UN-Energy database or dashboard to facilitate shared data, visibility, and coordination across agencies.
- It was proposed to also consider the issues of energy connectivity and long-term energy planning as priorities.
- It was emphasized that the justification for why specifically UN-Energy should work on all of these substantive priorities needs to come across more strongly in all of the areas.

#### **5. Next Steps & Closing**

The Secretariat outlined the next steps in finalizing the Plan of Action towards 2030:

- Concept notes for each substantive priority will be developed by the focal points using a standardized template which will be shared by the Secretariat shortly. The draft concept notes will be circulated by 3 July
- The full draft Plan of Action will be shared by 9 July.
- The draft concept notes and the draft Plan of Action will be discussed at the UN-Energy Retreat.

**Annex 1:**



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***DRAFT AGENDA***

- 1. Welcome**
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*Presentations by Focal Points for Substantive Priorities:*

- *Clean Cooking*
- *Energy Compacts*
- *Critical Minerals*
- *Digitalization*
- *Data*

*Open Discussion*

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- 5. Next Steps & Closing**

**Annex 2:****List of Participants**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
ECE	Dario Liguti, Gianluca Sambucini, Harikrishnan Tulsidas, Celeste Ostin
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ESCAP	Hongpeng Liu
ESCWA	Radia Sedaoui, Sean Ratka
FAO	Michela Morese
OHCHR	Rebaone Ferguson
UNDP	Riad Meddeb, Stefano Pistolese
UNEP	Miriam Liliana Hinostroza Suarez, Brian Holuj
UNFCCC	Carlos Ruiz Sanchez
WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani, Wenlu Ye
WMO	Roberta Boscolo
UNICEF	Gerardo Daniel Rios Garcia, Teresa Le
UNITAR	Mariana Soto
UN-OHRLLS	Rita Ruohonen
SEforAll	Divya Kottadiel
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