

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

16 January 2024, 08:30 – 09:30 EST (NY Time)

Virtual Meeting

#### **Meeting Summary**

UN-Energy members and partner organizations met virtually at the technical level on 16 January 2024, 08:30 to 09:30 EST. The agenda is attached in <u>Annex 1</u>. The list of participants is attached in <u>Annex 2</u>.

#### 1. Welcome

The Secretariat opened the meeting by welcoming UN-Energy members and recognizing the significance of 2024 for UN-Energy.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without amendment.

### 3. Toward the Global Stocktaking to accelerate the implementation of SDG7

- The Secretariat provided a presentation on the global stocktaking on SDG 7 implementation under the UN General Assembly to take place Mid-April 2024 in New York as part of the Sustainability Week convened by the President of the UN General Assembly (PGA). It will mark the end of the Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024 and take stock of the follow up actions from the High-level Dialogue on Energy 2021.
- The concept note, including expected outcomes, the exact date for the global stocktaking on SDG7 as well as consultation processes and logistical information, is expected to be made available by the President of the General Assembly this month. The secretariat, along with UN-Energy, have been requested to provide support in line with the mandates.
- o The participation at the UN Sustainability Week is expected to be at high-level.
- The International Day of Clean Energy on 26 January will kick off the process towards the global stocktaking. This process will include various consultations which will be mainly virtual.
- A timeline and concept note with further details on the global stocktaking process will be issued by the PGA in January.
- In the run up to the global stocktaking, UN-Energy meetings will be organized more frequently. A date for the next UN-Energy Principals meeting will be circulated soon. An inperson meeting of UN-Energy members (technical level) at the global stocktaking in NY is planned.
- o FAO and UNECE offered to host in person UN-Energy meetings during 2024.
- Concern was raised about the density of meetings in April and overlaps (in particular: IRENA Assembly, WB spring meetings and preceding consultations).

### 4. Implementing the UN-Energy Plan of Action

#### Joint Action

 UNDP gave an update on the efforts to strengthen joint action. UNDP is preparing a concept note to be shared with UN-Energy members soon. The primary focus is on optimizing coordination between UN-Energy members' initiatives in countries, emphasizing energy access and energy transitions, and co-benefits across SDGs. The UN-Energy multi-partners trust fund document will be aligned to support joint actions of the UN-Energy and be circulated for further inputs.

#### Energy Compacts

 SEforALL briefed on the Energy Compacts, noting that new commitments have been made since the SDG Summit, and COP28. Many Energy Compacts were showcased at COP28 attracting interest in commitments for new Compacts. In 2024 the global stocktaking, HLPF, Summit of the Future and COP29 will be used to spread the message on Energy Compacts and to strengthen them also at the national level.

#### Analysis

 The five SDG 7 co-custodian agencies will work towards preparing a short overview of SDG 7 progress in time for the global stocktaking on SDG7 Mid-April. As usual, the full Energy Progress Report 2024 is expected to be launched in June.

#### Communications

- The UN Department for Global Communications updated on the planned activities for the International Day of Clean Energy on 26 January. The promotion of the day will be digital no physical event is planned. The Secretary-General has delivered his messages for the Day and will deliver a video message. The text of the Video message was shared during the UN-Energy Meeting. In addition to the SG's video message, the UN has a dedicated webpage (<a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/clean-energy-day">www.un.org/en/observances/clean-energy-day</a>) and a press release will be issued on the day. There will be a press release, UN News and other communications that will be disseminated through UN Information Centers and other communication channels and events organized by UN-Energy entities and other partners.
- UN-Energy Members are invited to share with the UN-Energy Secretariat short video messages or statements of their respective principles. These messages will then be published on the UN webpage for the International Day of Clean Energy.

#### 5. AOB

o No issues were raised under AOB

#### 6. Next Steps & Closing

- UN-Energy entities are requested to use their existing communication channels to spread out relevant messages, building on SG's messages. UN-Energy entities are invited to share with the UN-Energy Secretariat short video messages or statements of their respective principles as soon as possible. In collaboration with DGC, a compilation of key messages for the day will be developed and circulated. A press release will also be developed.
- The concept note of the global stocktaking on SDG7 implementation will be circulated as soon as it's made available, including details on consultation processes, and how UN-Energy be engaged.
- The Secretariat thanked UN-Energy members for their active participation and expressed gratitude for everyone's commitment and support, looking forward to continued collaboration in delivering.

#### Annex 1:



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### **Draft Agenda**

- 7. Welcome
- 8. Adoption of the Agenda
- 9. Toward the Global Stocktaking to accelerate the implementation of SDG7<sup>1</sup>
- 10. Implementing the UN-Energy Plan of Action
  - Joint Action
  - Energy Compacts
  - Analysis
  - Communications: International Day of Clean Energy
- 11. AOB

12. Next Steps & Closing

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> marking the completion of the UN Decade on Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024 and as a follow up to the High-level Dialogue on Energy, under the auspices of UNGA (<u>A/RES/78/157</u>), as part of the Sustainability Week to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in April 2024 in NY

## Annex 2:

# **List of Participants**

| Organization         | Name  |
|----------------------|---|
| DGC                  | Martina Donlon  |
| EOSG                 | Catalina Santamaria, Clemence Lize                        |
| FAO                  | Michela Morese  |
| IAEA                 | Wei Huang, Henri Paillere, Hal Turton, Brianna Lazerwitz, |
|                      | Bianca Carpinelli   |
| UNDP                 | Chibulu Luo   |
| UNECE                | Dario Liguti, Gianluca Sambucini, Igor Litvinyuk          |
| UNEP                 | Miriam Liliana Hinostroza Suarez, Sophie Loran            |
| UNESCAP              | Hongpeng Liu  |
| UNESCWA              | Radia Sedaoui   |
| UNICEF               | Amy Wickham   |
| UNIDO                | Santiago Nocelli  |
| UNITAR               | Sadiq Zafrullah   |
| WFP                  | Raffaella Bellanca, Federico Remonda                      |
| WHO                  | Heather Adair-Rohani, Ye Wenlu                            |
| WMO                  | Roberta Boscolo   |
| World Bank           | Stephen Halloway  |
| IRENA (Partner)      | Wilfried Biya, Anastasia Kefalidou                        |
| SEforALL (Partner)   | Divya Kottadiel   |
| UNDESA (Secretariat) | Minoru Takada, Bahareh Seyedi, Martin Niemetz, Nadine     |
|                      | Salame, Dominika Zahrer, Veronika Ruskova                 |