Meeting Summary

UN-Energy member and partner organizations at the working level met via conference call on Wednesday, 22 November 2021, 08:00 - 09:00 EDT. The list of participants and the agenda are attached in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

1. Welcome and Address by Co-chair
   a. UN-Energy co-chair Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for all, addressed the meeting via pre-recorded video message, emphasizing the importance of the outcomes of the High-level Dialogue on Energy and of COP26 and outlining the task ahead for UN-Energy in support of SDG7 and delivering on the Energy Compacts.

2. Adoption of the agenda
   a. The agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. Reflections from COP26
   a. The Secretariat highlighted the increasing relevance and prominence of energy at COP26, and underlined the historic significance of a specific reference to fossil fuels “phase-down” for the first time in a COP outcome document.
   b. It was noted that the High-level Dialogue and Member States’ global champion roles were referenced multiple times in the opening segment at COP. The Presidents of Kenya and Nigeria, as well as the Prime Minister of India also highlighted their involvement and commitments in the context of the Dialogue. Multiple events throughout COP featured Energy Compact, showcasing significant momentum around the Compacts.
   c. It was underlined that COP26 highlighted the importance of no one size fits all approach and the need to leverage all low-emission energy solutions in pursuit of net-zero by 2050. A newly launched campaign led by UNDP on focusing on fossil fuel subsidy reform and climate and inequality, with a major push at COP through innovative communications, was very well received by a broad audience.

4. Towards a UN-Energy Action Plan towards 2025
   a. The Secretariat gave an update on the progress in developing the UN-Energy Action Plan towards 2025. The Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG7 Action in Support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change has been officially released by the Secretary-General on 3 November. It contains milestones for 2025 and 2030, which will also serve as reference points for the UN-Energy Action Plan to 2025.
   b. The UN-Energy pledge, fully consistent with the Global Roadmap will be at the center of the Action Plan.
c. Over 200 Energy Compacts have come in already, representing well over $400 billion in financial commitments.

d. The High-level Dialogue on Energy 2021 has created momentum for broader and stronger action on energy access and energy transition. UN-Energy should now be strengthened to galvanize system-wide action and catalyse further Energy Compacts globally to turn the Global Roadmap into concrete action by all stakeholders.

e. The Secretariat sought feedback on a set of key questions which will inform the development of the Action Plan:

   i. **Thought Leadership:** What kind of normative products should UN-Energy deliver to inform policies?
      1. Analysis;
      2. Policy briefs;

   ii. **Convening Stakeholders:** How best can UN-Energy leverage its convening power to guide the global discourse on SDG7?
      1. Annual global gathering at UNGA;
      2. Technical working groups on specific issues;

   iii. **Mobilizing Action and Partnerships:** How best should UN-Energy mobilize Energy Compacts and transformational partnerships?
      1. Energy Compact Action Network: global movement of committed organizations working toward SDG7;
      2. Transparency and accountability;

   iv. **Enabling Action:** How best can UN-Energy enable action on the ground?
      1. Joint programmes towards the UN-Energy Pledge;
      2. Advisory services;
      3. Knowledge sharing;

   v. **Monitoring Implementation:** How can UN-Energy effectively monitor progress towards the UN-Energy Pledge in support of the Global Roadmap for Accelerated SDG7 Action?
      1. Periodic progress report towards the UN-Energy Pledge;
      2. SDG7 Tracking Report by the indicator custodian agencies;
      3. Energy Compacts real-time tracking;

   vi. **Advocacy and Communications:** How can UN-Energy further enhance its communications, advocacy and knowledge-sharing?
      1. Digital platforms, social media, newsletters, in-person outreach, communication products;

    vii. The Secretariat also laid out the tentative timeline for the development of the Action Plan:
      1. 9 December: UN-Energy meeting at the technical level which would serve to review an initial draft put together by the Secretariat;
      2. December: Announcement of the upcoming launch;
      3. January: Meeting at the Principals level;

f. Participants welcomed the proposal for the process and raised the following points and questions:
i. What is the right niche for UN-Energy? What is the right balance between focusing on the global level versus the regional and country level in UN-Energy activities?

ii. What is the role of different stakeholders in advancing thought leadership? A mapping exercise on who is doing what would be very useful.

iii. How to convene stakeholders and address policy and technical level challenges, focusing on countries and regions in addition to the global level, that are critical in achieving our milestones set for 2025 and 2030?

iv. How can UN-Energy assist in capacity building, which remains a crucial issue?

v. How to better link UN-Energy work to existing, ongoing activities, such as NDC activities, partner efforts on the ground, MDB efforts in countries, etc.?

vi. How will the UN-Energy system be operationalised (secretariat, resources, hiring, budget, etc.)?

vii. How could UN-Energy member organizations provide collective assistance to Member States in delivering on their energy compacts?

viii. How do we review future compacts coming in with special regard to potentially problematic ones, ensuring full transparency and accountability?

ix. How can UN-Energy better support delivery on the energy compacts in country?

x. How do we better target other end-use sectors such as industry, transport, food systems?

xi. How to extend the reach and better engage and involve the private sector, foundations, networks and other stakeholders in UN-Energy activities?

xii. How to be more concrete and create tools to avoid duplications, break down silos, better share data and create a one-stop shop for all relevant information on Energy Compacts?

xiii. How to best target niches and exploit synergies when drawing up policy briefs? The Technical Working Reports for the High-level Dialogue provided a valuable lesson on how to do that leveraging UN-Energy members’ institutional knowledge.

xiv. How are we financing the additional work resulting from the UN-Energy pledge, and how best to mobilize finance for UN-Energy joint efforts?

xv. How can UN-Energy improve availability and reliability of data?

g. The Secretariat will take into account these suggestions and revert back with a zero draft for the Action plan ahead of the planned UN-Energy meeting tentatively planned for 9 December.

5. Closing

   a. The Co-chairs and the Secretariat thanked all participants for the valuable contributions.
# Annex 1 - List of participants

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ANNEX 2: Agenda

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22 November 2021 – 08:00 – 09:00 EST (NY Time)
Teleconference

Draft Agenda

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