



MEETING SUMMARY

UN-Energy Meeting

2 November 2018

Representatives of the UN-Energy member and partner organizations at the technical level met on Friday, November 2 2018 at the World Health Organization's Headquarters in Geneva. Mr Marcel Alers, and Mr George Hampton jointly chaired the meeting in their capacities as Sherpas for UN-Energy Co-Chairs, Mr Achim Steiner, Administrator of UNDP and Ms. Rachel Kyte, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, respectively. The Agenda is attached in [Annex 1](#). The list of participants is attached in [Annex 2](#). A compilation of the inputs received from the members and partners in response to the message sent out by the Co-Chairs in September is made available under separate cover.

1- Introduction

- a. Mr. Alers recapped the history of UN-Energy since its inception in 2004. While the network was active and instrumental in building up support for the inclusion of energy in the sustainable development goals, it went largely under the radar after the departure of the last Chair of UN-Energy in 2015. In June this year, the Secretary-General appointed the current Co-Chairs and a principal level meeting took place in July chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General. The meeting reiterated the importance of UN-Energy as the principal coordination mechanism within UN system on energy issues.
- b. The Co-Chairs, following the Principals' meeting, requested the UN-Energy members and partners to provide their input on UN-Energy's way forward. 14 organizations provided their inputs to-date. A compilation of the inputs received is available under separate cover.

2- Future of UN-Energy

- a. Participants agreed on the need to determine the purpose and set a clear agenda for UN-Energy: its priorities, activities, and relationship with other existing mechanisms. The value added of UN-Energy as a complementary soft coordination mechanism and platform for information sharing only within UN entities to exchange best practices and lessons learnt and prevent duplication was underscored.
- b. Participants agreed on the importance of UN-Energy to be focused on a few specific deliverables and ways to leverage the collective capacity of the UN system to achieve the targets of SDG7, in line with the ongoing UN development system reform process. SDG7 is critical in enabling delivery on other SDGs, which should be more widely recognized within or outside the UN system.
- c. Participants also agreed on the need to keep the profile of UN-Energy at a high level, leveraging the principals where they can exert the most influence to move critical dossiers forward.
- d. For issues to focus on in the next 12 months, participants suggested clean cooking as a priority and there was positive discussion of the health-energy platform being moved forward under the aegis of UN-Energy. Additional issues raised included cooling and heating, sustainable bioenergy, energy access for the poorest, and greening UN premises all over the world,

- e. Participants also emphasized that UN-Energy should play a major role in the preparations for the Secretary-General's Climate Summit in September 2019, as the energy sector is responsible for two-thirds of the greenhouse gas emissions globally.
- f. Participants should bear in mind UN-Energy has no budget at its disposal.

3- **Conclusions and next steps:**

- a. A vision statement, and an action plan for the next 12 months to be drafted by Co-Chairs' Sherpas with support from the secretariat and to be circulated in the next two weeks, building on the inputs received to-date including today's meeting. Additional suggestions from member and partner organizations are very welcome. (Co-Chairs' Sherpas)
- b. WHO were requested to recirculate the concept paper on an energy and health platform for consideration as an early action item (WHO).
- c. The secretariat will review the current UN-Energy website and suggest ways for improvement, by the time for the next technical meeting (UN DESA). At the suggestion of the UNEP the secretariat should also investigate how to more effectively allow UN-Energy members to exchange information and whether there could be a more effective common structure for this exchange.
- d. The next UN-Energy meeting at the principal level is tentatively planned in the margins of UNFCCC/COP24 in Katowice, Poland, preceded by a conference call at the technical level in late November to discuss the draft vision statement and action plan. Exact schedule to be circulated soon. UN-Energy members have been requested to look into the availability of their Principals during COP24 and inform the secretariat accordingly.

Annex 1: Agenda

Meeting of UN-Energy at the technical level WHO HQ Salle A Geneva, 2 November 2018

1. Introductions and opening remarks
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Inputs & new vision for UN-Energy
4. Early action items - health and energy?
5. Principals meeting at COP
6. Next steps and next meeting

Annex 2 - List of participants

	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>
1.	UNDP (co-chair)	Marcel Alers
2.	SRSB for Sustainable Energy for All (co-chair)	George Hampton
3.	UNECA	Monga Mehlwana
4.	UNECE	Gianluca Sambucini, Oleg Dzioubinski,
5.	UNEP	John Christensen
6.	UNESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
7.	UNICEF	Gautam Narasimhan
8.	UNIDO	Takeshi Nagasawa, Cassandra Pillay
9.	UNITAR	Thomas Fohgrub
10.	UNOHRLLS	Rita Ruohonen
11.	WB	Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
12.	WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani, Jessica Lewis, Elena Villalobos
13.	IRENA (Partner)	Elizabeth Press
14.	UN Foundation (Partner)	Jem Porcaro
15.	Sustainable Energy for All (Partner)	Glenn Pearce-Oroz
16.	UN DESA (Secretariat)	Minoru Takada, Nadine Salame, David Koranyi