



MEETING SUMMARY

UN-Energy Conference Call

5 March 2019

Representatives of the UN-Energy member and partner organizations at the technical level met via video conference call on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. 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, SRSG for Sustainable Energy for All, respectively.

1. Introduction and Adoption of the Agenda

- a. The agenda for the current meeting were adopted without amendments.

2. Final version of the Vision document and the Plan of Action for UN-Energy

- a. The sherpas of the UN-Energy Co-Chairs announced that all comments were incorporated into the Vision document and the Plan of Action for UN-Energy, and they are now considered to be adopted. They asked participants to brief their principals on the documents¹.

3. Discussion of UN-Energy Action Plan items

- a. Maria Neira, WHO and Marcel Alers, UNDP gave an update on the **energy-health platform**, one of the key elements of the UN-Energy action plan. Work on a detailed action plan for the platform is under way and will be presented to UN-Energy members at an appropriate time.
- b. George Hampton gave an update on the preparations for the **Secretary General's Climate Summit** in September. SRSG Rachel Kyte had meetings in Denmark last week, and submitted a draft workplan to the Executive Office of the Secretary General. The workplan is driven by the need of a unified systems approach and contains ideas for substance and deliverables, timeline, modalities, and potential partners. The overall approach is to leverage existing mechanisms and initiatives, and optimize the use of resources. Substantial ideas include acceleration of clean energy investments through regulatory changes, exploring the potential of public-private partnerships, and financial instruments for alternatives to coal investments. There is a strong focus on no one left behind. The Abu Dhabi Pre-Summit meeting will be critical in determining which ideas make it to the Summit. The preparations are also guided by a Scientific Advisory Committee, that is the "brainbox" for all 9 tracks, and another advisory committee consisting of experts with climate negotiation experience. UN-Energy members will be asked for the input and ideas to help the process of determining deliverables for the Climate Summit.
- c. Maria Neira from WHO briefed the participants on ongoing conversations between the SG's office and WHO on the possible use of the **pollution pod exhibition** and interactive experience that was showcased at the first global air pollution conference in Geneva in October, organized by WHO.

¹ The final version (incorporating final minor edits) is to be circulated together with this summary.

- d. Mikhail Khoroshev from the IAEA briefed the participants on a **conference on the nexus between climate change and nuclear energy** to be organized on 7-11 October 2019.
- e. The participants will discuss the selection mechanism for the **High Impact Targeted Interventions (HITI)**, one of the main priorities in the Action Plan to move the dial on SDG7 at an upcoming UN-Energy meeting. The co-chairs asked for UN-Energy members and partners to signal their intention to participate in a preparatory call to identify key criteria for the selection mechanism.
- f. Isabel Manas from UN Environment gave a briefing on the **Sustainable UN Initiative**, an interagency mechanism that aims to internalize sustainable management at the UN. They are soon finalizing a draft strategy for 2020-2030 that will look at all UN facilities and operations from a sustainability and climate resilience perspective, aiming to ensure that there is an effective system of environmental management at the UN and that by the Climate Summit in September show that the UN itself is serious about climate change and sustainability. The draft strategy, that already contains a chapter on energy usage and the use of renewable energy in UN facilities in particular, in line with the IPCC report's recommendations, will be circulated to UN-Energy members for comments once ready. It would also be beneficial for the Sustainable UN Initiative's interagency mechanism to explore potential avenues of collaboration with UN-Energy on the implementation of the strategy.

4. Updates on related activities

- a. The World Bank and the Secretariat gave an update on the **energy tracking report** that will be launched at the UN Decade for Sustainable Energy for All Mid-point Review Conference in May (23-24) respectively. A draft of the tracking report will be available within weeks and circulated for comments. The Secretariat informed that a side event on the energy tracking report was organized on March 4 in the margin of the UN Statistical Commission, led by UN Statistics Division.
- b. The Secretariat gave an update on the **UN Decade for Sustainable Energy for All Mid-point Review meeting** that will take place on 23-24 May, in response to a General Assembly resolution adopted last December. Technical level conversations will take place on the 23rd, and a high level dialogue in the ECOSOC chamber on the 24th. The conference will also host, among others, the launches of the Energy Tracking Report of 2019 and the 2019 edition of the SDG7 Policy Briefs coordinated by the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group.

5. Conclusions and next steps:

- a. The next UN-Energy meeting will be held in early April. Among other agenda items, a discussion will take place on key items of the UN-Energy Action Plan and the working modalities of UN-Energy.
- b. It was requested that UN-Energy colleagues should send their comments to the secretariat on the **draft paper on the UN-Energy operational modalities and governance**, over the coming weeks (latest by 20 March).
- c. The Secretariat will compile an annual calendar of UN-Energy, including potential face to face gatherings in the margins of major events.

Annex 1 - List of participants

	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>
1.	UNDP (co-chair)	Marcel Alers
2.	SRSR for Sustainable Energy for All (co-chair)	George Hampton
3.	EOSG	Michelle Gyles-McDpnnough, Kerry Constabile
4.	CEB secretariat	Federica Pietracci
5.	FAO	Olivier Dubois
6.	IAEA	Mikhail Khoroshev
7.	IFAD	Karan Sehgal
8.	OHRLLS	Rita Ruohonen
9.	UNECA	Monga Mehlwana
10.	UNECE	Scott Foster; Gianluca Sambucini
11.	UNESCAP	Hongpeng Liu; Kohji Iwakami
12.	UNICEF	Amy Wickham
13.	UNIDO	Cassandra Pillay
14.	WB	Stephen Halloway
15.	WHO	Maria Neira
16.	IRENA (Partner)	Ahmed Abdel-Latif
17.	UN Foundation (Partner)	Jem Porcaro
18.	UN Environment/SUN (Guest)	Isabella Marras
19.	UN DESA (Secretariat)	Minoru Takada, Nadine Salame, David Koranyi

