



## MEETING SUMMARY

### UN-Energy Conference Call

30 November 2018

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Representatives of the UN-Energy member and partner organizations at the technical level met via conference call on Friday, November 30, 2018. 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.

#### 1- Introduction

- a. Marcel Alers introduced the purpose of the call: to discuss two papers circulated two days before the call, one on “A New Vision for UN-Energy” and the other on “Collective Energy Action: UN-Energy Plan of Action 2019”, drafted by the Co-Chairs’ Sherpas as proposed at the last meeting on November 2 in Geneva.
- b. George Hampton walked the participants through the key points of the vision paper and asked for input and suggestions from all participants.
- c. Marcel Alers introduced the “Collective Energy Action: UN-Energy Plan of Action 2019”, emphasising that while the vision document was not meant to be operational, the action plan was focused on presenting specific priority areas of actions to be taken by UN-Energy in 2019.

#### 2- Future of UN-Energy – Discussion on vision paper and action plan

The meeting participants welcomed both papers as a solid draft. Main comments and issues raised during the meeting included the following:

- a. Focus on the practical elements of implementation should be emphasised.
- b. Distinction should be made between short- and long-term ambitions (to distinguish between aspirational and actual action items for 2019), as the plan of action document may convey a level of overambition as it is. A timeline and targets for the implement of the plan of action will also be required.
- c. A short paragraph of the rationale of why UN-Energy wants to deal with each of the priority areas should be provided.
- d. Need for coordination between global and regional mechanisms within UN system should be considered.
- e. Ways and means of engagement with external partner organizations, such as IRENA, require consideration..
- f. Roles of UN-Energy (as a coordination mechanism within UN system under Chief Executive Board) vis-à-vis other existing mechanisms (such as SDG7 Technical Advisory Group that is focused on supporting HLPF’s efforts to review/follow up on SDGs) should be considered to avoid duplications.

- g. Relationship between UN-Energy and many existing platforms led by external actors (e.g. the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy) should be discussed as we move forward.
- h. The newly proposed platform on energy-health was welcomed and should strengthen collaboration among all actors, such as the Global Clean Cooking Alliance.
- i. Greening of the UN system is overdue and UN-Energy needs to call upon the leaders of UN entities to reduce the carbon footprint.
- j. Access and the principle of no one left behind should be an important pillar of UN-Energy.
- k. Definitions of “Principals” and “Sherpas” should be clarified in a pragmatic manner.

**3- Conclusions and next steps:**

- a. All participants to send written suggestions to the two documents by Friday, 7 December.
- b. The next call at technical level will take place on Monday December 17, 9-10am EST.
- c. Due to scheduling issues there will not be a UN-Energy principals meeting at COP24 in Poland, but there may be one in Davos in January 2019 schedules permitting, details to be determined.

**Annex 1 - List of participants**

	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
1.	UNDP (co-chair)	Marcel Alers
2.	SRSB for Sustainable Energy for All (co-chair)	George Hampton
3.	UNECA	Monga Mehlwana
4.	UNECE	Scott Foster
5.	UNESCAP	Kohji Iwakami
6.	UNECLAC	Ruben Enrique Contreras Lisperguer
7.	UNESCWA	Radia Sedaoui
8.	UNEP	Mark Radka
9.	UNICEF	Rakshya Rajyashwori Thapa
10.	UNHABITA	Vincent Kito
11.	UNITAR	Thomas Fohgrub
12.	UNOHRLLS	Rita Ruohonen
13.	WB	Elisa Portale, Stephen Halloway
14.	WHO	Heather Adair-Rohani, Jessica Lewis
15.	CEB Secretariat	Federica Pietracci
16.	IRENA (Partner)	Ahmed Abdel-Latif, Emma Aberg
17.	UN Foundation (Partner)	Jem Porcaro and Ryan Hobert
18.	SEforALL	Glenn Pearce-Oroz
19.	UN DESA (Secretariat)	Minoru Takada, Nadine Salame, David Koranyi