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## United Nations High-level Dialogue on Energy

### Deep-dive Stakeholders Workshop – Energy Compacts

19 August 2021 | 9:00 – 10:00 AM EDT (New York Time)

Available at: [bit.ly/EnergyCompactsWorkshop](https://bit.ly/EnergyCompactsWorkshop)

*Summary of the meeting*

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#### Opening remarks and context setting

**Facilitation:** Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA.

**Ms. Bahareh Seyedi**, Senior Sustainable Development Officer at the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA, highlighted the importance of the United Nations High-Level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE) to be held in September, the first global gathering in 40 years to convene Heads of State and Government on the theme. The HLDE provides an opportunity to review where the world stands with regards to the achievement of SDG7 and how to accelerate progress. Most importantly, the HLDE will emphasize the clear link between energy issues and climate change and will raise ambition and accelerate action towards achieving SDG7 by 2030 and the net-zero goal of Paris Agreement by 2050. In order to meet these objectives, two main outcomes are envisioned from the High-Level Dialogue: the first is a [Global Roadmap](#), and the second is the voluntary commitments expressed through [Energy Compacts](#). As part of the preparatory process, [Ministerial Thematic Forums](#) were held in June, and technical working groups produced [five technical reports addressing the main themes of the HLDE](#). The drafting process of the technical reports had a multistakeholder nature, reflected in the composition of the technical working groups convening both state and nonstate actors to discuss most pressing energy related issues. The Ministerial Thematic Forums were opened to all stakeholders and their participation in the Multi-Stakeholders Dialogues was paramount for the inclusive, just, and accelerated transition to sustainable energy. The HLDE in September will see multiple opportunities for stakeholders' participation; these modalities will be shared through the HLDE communication channels in following weeks.

#### In-depth introduction to Energy Compacts

**Ms. Kanika Chawla**, Programme Manager (UN-Energy) at SEforALL, made a [presentation on the Energy Compacts](#). Ms. Chawla pointed out how the HLDE is a milestone towards 2030, as well as a crucial opportunity for response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the preparations for COP26. Ms. Chawla explained the purpose of Energy Compacts and how interested parties can submit their voluntary goals. The Energy Compacts will allow stakeholders from different sectors to collaborate on actions and monitor progress on the achievement of SDG7. Essential information to be included in the Compacts includes: definition of clear goals, resources employed in the process of reaching the expected targets, calculated cost of the program, and region of focus. In their compacts, organizations and companies can include a request for support or offer their assistance in achieving the targets. This will create a community of opportunities to increase the outcomes of each commitment and accelerate the funding for sustainable energy projects. Energy Compacts will be reviewed and published on the dedicated [website](#). This process is open until 2030 and the commitments can be updated throughout this time to better reflect new circumstances and objectives. All interested parties, however, are encouraged to submit their compacts before 31 August 2021, ahead of the HLDE in September in order to be recognized during the Dialogue.

The presentation was followed by a Q&A session. All questions presented by participants were compiled and shared with the UN Team working on the Energy Compacts.

### Projects spotlight from stakeholders

Three inspiring projects from different parts of the world have been showcased as examples of action on energy transition. These projects have been previously submitted as part of the [SDG Good Practices](#) and [SDG Acceleration Actions](#) platform – repositories of success stories and commitments for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

**Ms. Merve Güngör**, Coordinator at EKOenergy ecolabel, shared the experience of the [EKOenergy](#) ecolabel initiative. EKOenergy is a nonprofit ecolabel for renewable energy, available worldwide and covering electricity, gas, heat and cold. It is an initiative of the Finnish Association for Nature Conservation, in cooperation with other NGOs. EKOenergy committed to speeding up the energy transition by involving energy consumers, large and small; raising awareness about the possibility to develop renewable energy in harmony with nature; and fighting energy poverty through fundraising for solar projects in developing countries. Some key achievements consist in 1,300,000 million euros collected in Climate Fund between 2015-2020 which enabled the organization to finance 61 projects in 22 countries. EKOenergy-labelled renewable energy is available in over 40 countries. *Learn more on the objectives of the EKOenergy project by consulting their SDG Good Practice [here](#).*

**Mr. Felipe Zaia**, Energy Efficiency Manager at [CPFL Energia](#), a private sector company from Brazil, presented the CPFL nos Hospitais” (CPFL in Hospitals), an initiative to support public and philanthropic institutions to reduce their energy costs that are in turn allocated to cover medical expenses. The initiative focuses on three major areas: (i) energy efficiency actions; (ii) investment in hospitals improvements, and (iii) donation program through energy bills. In addition, these practices benefit patients and the local community, contributing to improving people’s health and quality of life. CPFL Energy has committed to investing R\$ 150 million in energy efficiency actions in more than 200 hospitals in Brazil until 2022. (USD 28.4 million estimate). As of July 2021, the program has invested R\$ 104.9 million. 145 hospitals have already concluded the program deploying 10.2 MWp of solar PV and installed more than 82k LED lamps.

These actions are expected to generate 20.6 GWh (R\$ 9.1 million) in annual energy savings, avoiding 1,553 tCO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Consult [here](#) the SDG Good Practice of CLFP Energia, reporting detailed components and actions of their program.

**Ms. Sarah M. Baird**, Executive Director of [Let There Be Light International](#), showcased the commitments made by the organization and their “[Solar Lights Change Lives](#)” initiative. The focus of this Energy Compact is on scaling up their solar safety-net programming in Uganda, Malawi and Kenya over the next 8 ½ years to benefit 1.5 million people including 100,000 new mothers and babies through their maternal and infant program, Safe Births + Healthy Homes. This will be carried out by expanding current partnerships with local NGOs, working together to integrate clean energy access into their programming. LTBLI's core focus is the innovative maternal and infant health program, Safe Births + Healthy Homes (SB+HH). SB+HH combines two programs to amplify impact - the basic solar electrification of prioritized rural clinics to improve birth outcomes with the provision of solar lights to new mothers. *More details on submitted SDG7 Acceleration Action by LTBLI can be found [here](#).*

### Additional resources and more information:

#### **Energy Compacts**

(Get information, templates and guidelines on Energy Compacts submission)

<https://www.un.org/en/energycompacts>

#### **SDG Acceleration Action**

(Consult and submit the voluntary contributions to advance the work of reaching Global Goals during the Decade of Action)

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgactions/about>

#### **SDG Good Practices**

(Use this link to view the actions collected during the two open calls launched by UNDESA, and submit your contribution to the SDGs implementation)

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/goodpractices>

#### **High-Level Dialogue on Energy**

(Consult the documentation, resources and events for the preparatory process of the HLDE in September)

<https://www.un.org/en/conferences/energy2021>

#### **Themes of the HLDE**

(Learn more about the focus areas of the Dialogue and the targets to accelerate action towards SDG7)

<https://www.un.org/en/conferences/energy2021/themes/HIGH-LEVEL-THEMATIC-CHAMPIONS>

#### **Ministerial Thematic Forums**

(Watch the multistakeholder discussions bringing recommendation from Member States and stakeholders on the themes of HLDE)

[https://www.un.org/en/conferences/energy2021/Preparatory\\_Process](https://www.un.org/en/conferences/energy2021/Preparatory_Process)

#### **Theme reports of the Technical Working Groups**

(Read the outcomes and recommendations of the multistakeholder Technical Working Groups for sustainable energy)

<https://www.un.org/en/hlde-2021/page/theme-reports>

#### **HLDE Newsletter – link to subscribe**

(Stay up to date with most recent news and updates in the lead up to the HLDE in September and beyond)

<https://un.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=7c968b583eee307ee1068e3b8&id=15142b4798>

**HLDE Stakeholders Mailing List**

(Receive all the opportunities and latest news for stakeholder engagement during the HLDE preparatory process)

<https://forms.office.com/r/xGMw8sPTFx>

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