



UN-Energy Principals meeting took place on Wednesday, 9 December 2020

The UN-Energy Principals meeting was held virtually on 9 December 2020. UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All Damilola Ogunbiyi, in their capacity as the UN-Energy Co-Chairs provided opening remarks and presented the strategic direction for UN-Energy and its revitalization. The Co-chairs underlined the UN-Energy's critical role in the year ahead in launching markable and ambitious partnerships in the lead up to the High-Level Dialogue on Energy 2021 and beyond. The Under-Secretary-General for UN DESA LIU Zhenmin, in his capacity as the Dialogue Secretary-General, gave an update on the High-Level Dialogue preparatory process. He emphasized that UN-Energy's dedicated and sustained efforts to accelerate the achievement of SDG 7 must assist Member States and other stakeholders move faster to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change. Therefore, the High-Level Dialogue on Energy in 2021 September, under the auspices of the General Assembly, will serve as a critical milestone, and presents an opportunity to step up efforts to build a clean, affordable, and modern energy future for everyone. UN-Energy principals and other representatives expressed their commitments to work together towards a successful outcome at the High-Level Dialogue on Energy in 2021 and to ensure UN-Energy's overarching goal of promoting coherence in the UN system's multi-disciplinary response to achieve SDG7.

The participants included:

ECE - Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive
ESCAP – Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary
FAO – Mr. QU Dongyu, Director General
IAEA - Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director-General
IRENA– Mr. Francesco La Camera, Director General
UN-Habitat – Ms. Maimunah Sharif, Executive Director
UNIDO - Mr. Li Yong, Director General
UN-OHRLLS - Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General
WMO - Mr. Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General
UNITAR - Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director
UNFCCC - Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary
UNEP - Ms. Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director
The World Bank – Mr. Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director of Energy and Extractives
UNICEF - Mr. Sanjay Wijesekara, Director, Programme Division
WHO – Dr. Maria Neira, Director, Department of Environmental and Social Determinants of Health
IFAD – Ms. Teresa Liu, Director, Liaison Office NY
ECA – Mr. Linus Mofor, Senior Environmental Affairs Officer
ESCWA – Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy
UN Women – Ms. Carla Kraft, Policy Specialist, Sustainable Development