**Summary of events with WHO participation in the HL Dialogue on Energy Ministerial Thematic Forum**

**21st June 7:15 – 7:21**

**Call for Action:**

**Principles for priority actions on clean cooking for all**

**Paul N. Mbuthi,** Deputy Director of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy, Kenya (confirmed) (3 min)

**Mr. Frank van der Vleuten,** Policy Coordinator, Climate, Finance and Energy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands (confirmed) (3 min)

7:21 – 8:00

**Action Commitments [1]: Creating enabling conditions**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. Marcel Alers,** Head of Energy, UNDP (confirmed)

**Action announcements: (**2 min announcement per panelist)

* **Mr. Marcel Raats,** Team Manager, Energy and Climate Change, RVO, the Netherlands (confirmed)
* **Mr. Harish Hande,** Co-Founder, SELCO Foundation (confirmed)
* **Ms. Sheila Oparaocha**, Coordinator, ENERGIA (confirmed)
* **Ms. Jillene Connors Belopolsky,** Chief of Staff, Clean Cooking Alliance (confirmed)
* **Mr. Guangqing Liu,** Director, China Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (confirmed)
* **Ms. Heather Adair-Rohani,** Technical Officer, WHO (confirmed)

**Q&A Session** (5 min)

**Tuesday, 22 June, 12:45-14:00 EDT (New York time)**

**Sustainable Development Goals**

Side-Event at the Ministerial Thematic Forums

This side-event will feature a presentation and discussion of the SDG7 Policy Briefs 2021: Leveraging Energy Action for Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. The SDG7 Policy Briefs are released annually in support of the deliberations at the High-level Political Forum, contributing also this year to the High-level Dialogue on Energy in September, and the implementation of the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs and the UN Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024. The Briefs are compiled by the multi-stakeholder SDG7 Technical Advisory Group, composed of 40 experts from Governments, UN and international organizations, and other stakeholders.

The Policy Briefs 2021 place a special focus on the interlinkages of SDG7 with all other SDGs, highlighting that decisive action on sustainable energy can catalyse progress towards all the other SDGs, as well as towards global climate protection targets.

**Draft Agenda**

1. **Welcome Remarks by the Co-Facilitators of the SDG7 TAG:**

**Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk**, Policy Director, Section for Energy and Climate Change, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Co-facilitator of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group

**Ms. Sheila Oparaocha**, Executive Director, ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy, Co-facilitator of the SDG7 Technical Advisory Group

1. **Introduction by the Secretariat:**

**Mr. Minoru Takada**, Team Leader (Sustainable Energy), Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

1. **Presentation of SDG7 Policy Briefs 2021 by the Co-Facilitators of the SDG7 TAG**

1. **Comments by Members of the SDG7 TAG:**

Custodian  
SDG 1 - tbd    
SDG 3 – Heather Adair-Rohani

SDG 4 – tbd  
SDG 5 - tbd  
SDG 6 - tbd  
SDG 8 - tbd

SDG 10 - tbd

SDG 13 - tbd  
SDG 14 - tbd   
SDG 16 - tbd  
Regions: tbd  
LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS - tbd

1. **Open Discussion**
2. **Closing remarks**

Representative of Pakistan

**Thursday 24 JUNE 2021 7:18 – 7:46 (EST)/13h18- 13h46 CET**

**GLOBAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS DIALOGUE (Parallel Sessions)**

**Name of the session: EMPOWERING PEOPLE:**

**ACCELERATING SDG7 ACHIEVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN HEALTH, GENDER EQUALITY, AND EDUCATION**

**name of The paneL:** eNERGY AND hEALTH

**Backgound note:**

The High-level Dialogue on Energy, which will be convened by the UN Secretary-General at the Summit level, represents the first global gathering on energy under the auspices of the General Assembly since 1981. This will be a unique opportunity to coalesce and mobilize action towards the achievement of SDG 7 and net-zero emissions.

As an essential part of the Ministerial Thematic Forums, the Multi-stakeholder Dialogues present a platform for discussions between a broad range of actors with the objective of supporting an exchange of insights and perspectives on what action is needed and how to best work together towards these global objectives.”

**Panel OBJECTIVES: (100 words)**

Billions put their health at risk each day to prepare a hot meal. Many seeking medical care must rely on clinics without a reliable source of power for lighting and medical devices. The health and well-being of billions are adversely impacted by energy poverty. A just and inclusive energy transition which prioritizes access to clean and sustainable energy has the potential of saving lives, prevent disease, while protecting our planet. This panel explores ways the energy transition can serve as enabler for public health and the critical role that different actors can play in maximizing health benefits while minimizing trade-offs.

**Guiding questions (2 to 3)**

1. How can access to clean and sustainable energy in homes and health care facilities through a just and inclusive transition provide benefits for public health and well-being in both rural and urban communities?

2. What are some ways partners working it the public and private sector around issues on health, energy, gender and environments sectors work more closely together to tailor sustainable energy solutions to maximize benefits and minimize trade-offs for health of the people and the planet?

**Programme:**

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Maria Neira,** Director, WHO (confirmed)

**Panel Discussions:** (*Davos-style* *moderated discussion*)

* **Mr. Solomon Nzioka,** National Professional Officer**,** WHO Kenya Country Office
* **Dr. Ligia Castro de Doens,** Former Minister of Environment and current Advisor of Ministry of Envrionment of Panama (confirmed)
* **Ms. Habiba Ali,** Managing Director and CEO, Sosai Renewable Energies Company (confirmed)
* **Mr. Kweku Koranteng,** Professional Officer, ICLEI Africa Secretariate (confirmed)

**Q&A Session** (5 min)

**Thursday 24 June 15h – 17h CET/9h – 11h EDT)**

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| **09:00 – 11:00** | **MINISTERIAL SEGMENT**  9:00 – 9:03  **Master of Ceremonies**     * **Dr. Kandeh Yumkella,** CEO, TENN     9:03 – 9:07  **Our Vision, Our Future: Special Remarks from Youth Advocates**   * **Ms. Kervelle Baird**, SDG 7 Youth Constituency     9:07 – 09:35  **Opening remarks by Global Champions**     * **H.E. Mr. Roberto A. Ordoñez Wolfovich**, Minister of Energy of Honduras  (4 min) * **H.E. Mr. Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development Cooperation of Iceland  (4 min) * **H.E. Mr. Rennier Gadabu**, Minister for Climate Change of the Republic of Nauru (confirmed / pre-recorded and live) (4 min) * **H.E. Mr. João Pedro Matos Fernandes**, Minister for the Environment and Climate Action of Portugal  (4 min) * **H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Mohammed Belhaif Al Nuaimi**, Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates  (4 min) * **H.E. Mr. Jorge Rivera Staff**, National Secretary of Energy of the Republic of Panama  (4 min) * **H.E. Ms. Kadri Simson**, European Commissioner for Energy  (4 min)   9:35 – 9:55 **Official Launch of Theme Report on Enabling SDGs through Inclusive, just Energy Transitions by the Co-lead Organizations of the Technical Working Group 3**  **Moderator: Dr. Kandeh Yumkella,** CEO, TENN  **Panel Discussion:**(*Davos-style* *interactive discussion*)     * **Mr. LIU Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) (tbc) * **Ms. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA) * **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) |

**Thursday 24 June 2021 – 17h30 CET to 18h45 CET/ 11:30 to 12:45 am EDT (NY Time)**

**Ministerial Thematic Forum on Enabling SDGs through Inclusive, Just Energy Transitions:**

**Presentation of the Theme Report on**

**Enabling SDGs through Inclusive, Just Energy Transitions (Side-event)**

**Agenda**

1. **Welcome by the Co-Leads**

* Mr. Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Director, UN ESCWA

1. **Presentation of the Theme Report by the Co-Leads**

* Ms. Heather Adair-Rohani, Technical Officer, WHO

**Comments**

* Mr. Minoru Takada, Team Leader, Secretariat of the High-level Dialogue on Energy, UN DESA
* Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy, Climate Change and Natural resource Sustainability Cluster

1. **Discussion of the Theme Report**
   1. Interventions from members of the Technical Working Group on Enabling SDGs through Inclusive, Just Energy Transitions
   2. Open Q & A
2. **Closing by Co-Leads**

* Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Thursday 24 June 2021 – 17h30 CET to 18h45 CET/ 11:30 to 12:45 am EDT (NY Time)**

**Energy Access for promoting universal health coverage and for achieving multiple SDGs**

**Date & Time:** *24th June 2021 11:30 – 12:45 EST*

# Background

Energy is a catalyst and enabler of development, and societies cannot develop without reliable, adequate and affordable energy services. Decades of national and international efforts have yielded impressive gains in access to modern energy. Yet, estimates suggest that under a business-as-usual scenario around 660 million people will still not have access to electricity by 2030.

Electricity access is a key enabler to achieve several development goals. It can uplift socio-economic development and help meet critical needs. In particular, access to electricity is fundamental to providing essential healthcare services. Electricity is necessary for the operation of critically needed medical devices and appliances, and in several cases can make the difference between life and death.

Renewable energy solutions present a key opportunity to provide clean, reliable and cost-effective electricity to rural health centres currently lacking access or faced with unreliable supply. Furthermore, renewable energy offers a solution to energise sectors like food production and conservation, water supply, education, to bring process improvements and advance socio-economic development.

Harnessing the opportunity offered by renewables, particularly decentralised solutions, can unlock a host of socioeconomic benefits, from improved health and education services to improved profitability in food and agriculture and enhanced livelihood opportunities, especially in countries lacking access to electricity and in the last-mile communities.

On the margins of the 2021 High-level Dialogue on Energy, Ministerial Thematic Forums, IRENA and the World Health Organization co-organise the event *Energy Access for promoting Universal Health Coverage and for Achieving multiple SDGs*. The meeting will bring together stakeholders from the energy, health and other sectors to reflect on the key role that renewable energy plays in the achievement of universal healthcare and in the attainment of various SDGs.

The event will provide participants the opportunity to share experiences, lessons learned and best practices, and to explore modalities to enhance multisectoral cooperation.

# Objective

This virtual event is aimed at:

* Understanding the role of renewable energy in promoting universal healthcare coverage, and in fulfilling multiple Sustainable Development Goals;
* Discussing pathways for increased multisectoral cooperation and maximise socioeconomic benefits by improving energy access for key social services.

# Proposed agenda and format

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| 7 minutes | **Opening remarks by Mr Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA** |
| 7 minutes | **Presentation by Dr Maria Neira, Director, Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO** |
| 45 minutes | **Panel Discussion: Scene-setting presentation and moderation by Mr. Gurbuz Gonul, Director, Country Engagement and Partnerships, IRENA**  Panelists:   * Engr. Kiva, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Kenya * Dr. Nawa Raj Dhakkal, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC), Nepal * Dr Maria Neira, Director, Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO * SELCO Foundation |
| 10 minutes | **Q&A** |
| 5 minutes | **Closing remarks** |