Terms of Reference
High-level Coalition on Health and Energy
(September 2020)

1) The High-level Coalition on Health and Energy aims to promote access to clean and sustainable energy to achieve SDG 3 on health and SDG 7 on energy. The Coalition’s initial focus will be on working towards universal access to clean cooking and electrification of health facilities through clean and sustainable energy. In this function the Coalition members will collaborate in:

   a) Encouraging political support as necessary to make sure that access to energy in healthcare facilities and clean cooking are priorities;

   b) Providing strategic leadership in achieving the objectives of the global Health and Energy Platform of Action (HEPA);

   c) Helping raise awareness about the health-energy challenges and needs, including during high-level consultations and global and regional events, such as the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Summit, the Summit-level UN High Level Political Forum, World Economic Forum, Conference of the Parties for Climate Change, and African Parliamentarian Summit;

   d) Helping mobilize financial resources, including from governments, multilateral financing institutions, and the private sector; and

   e) Serving as Global Champions on clean cooking and electrification of healthcare facilities, the first issues to be tackled under the HEPA.

2) In undertaking this work, the Coalition will work in close cooperation with WHO in its role as the HEPA Secretariat and with the other HEPA convening organizations. The Coalition will also facilitate and coordinate health and energy initiatives at the global, regional, and national levels.

3) The Coalition will consist of high-level representatives of WHO Member States, UN entities, and champions in the health energy field selected to ensure balanced geographical
representation.

4) All requests for new membership from Member States are to be sent to the HEPA Secretariat (WHO) in writing. The HEPA Secretariat will confirm the new membership with the Member State and inform the Coalition members accordingly. Membership for non-State actors is agreed upon by HEPA convening agencies and is by invitation only from WHO as the HEPA Secretariat.

5) The Coalition will hold two to three face-to-face or virtual meetings or consultations a year, occurring at high-level events related to health and energy.