



High-level segment of the Committee on Sustainable Energy
Country Commitments on Energy in the Context of the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy”
22 September 2021, 10h30 – 12h00 Geneva time
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Background

The 30th session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy takes place at the same time as the UN Secretary-General’s High-level Dialogue on Energy. The dialogue has been convened to promote implementation of energy-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) in support of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All (2014-2024) and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The dialogue on energy is an opportunity to provide transformational action to deliver the 2030 Agenda and to support implementation of the Paris Agreement. During the high-level segment of the UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy, member States will report on commitments they are making at the High-level Dialogue on Energy and in preparation for COP26.

The UNECE sustainable energy subprogramme’s mission is to help its member States meet their commitments to the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. The intent is to address the region’s challenges and objectives with products and activities that deliver measurable, tangible results in the near term but with enduring impact. Member States have reviewed the subprogramme and set forth their collective strategic approach on energy in document (ECE/ENERGY/2021/4). The UNECE region needs to accelerate attainment of its member States’ commitments and objectives on sustainable energy. In terms of deciding on specific courses of action for the sustainable energy sub-programme to pursue, the Committee considers that the work and its outcomes must reflect United Nations’ scale, scope, role, and values in terms of: impact, political relevance, visibility, power to inspire, reputation, attractiveness for resourcing, resource efficiency, nexus contributions, and gender benefits. The work of UNECE on sustainable energy is designed to improve access to affordable energy for all and help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector in the region. UNECE is working to reconcile the reality of fossil fuels’ share of the energy mix with the need to address climate change while supporting sustainable development, enhance integration of the region’s energy markets, and facilitate the transition to a sustainable energy system. The Committee is pursuing activities in the areas of methane management, high-performance buildings, and sustainable resource management. Country commitments in these three areas, *A Commitment Trifecta*, are opportunities to deliver tangible near-term outcomes and, longer-term, achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement.

Objective

During the high-level segment, UNECE member States are expected to reflect on tightened and tightening commitments on energy for sustainable development and to endorse the UNECE sustainable energy subprogramme’s strategic approach to helping member States meet their commitments.

Intervenors

Ambassador Dr. Hans-Peter Jugel, Deputy Permanent Representative, Germany

Alexey Kulapin, General Director, Russian Energy Agency, Ministry of Energy, Russian Federation

Ambassador Slavica Milačić, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Montenegro

James Browne TD, Minister of State for the Department of Justice and Equality with responsibility for Law Reform, Ireland

Ambassador Christoph Wieland, Deputy Permanent Representative, Austria

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