



NL Energy Compact

A next Decade Action Agenda to advance SDG7 on sustainable energy for all, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change

SECTION 1: AMBITION

1.1. Ambitions to achieve SDG7 by 2030. [Please select all that apply, and make sure to state the baseline of each target]

(Member States targets could be based on their NDCs, energy policies, national five-year plans etc. targets for companies/organizations could be based on their corporate strategy)

7.1. By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services.

Target(s):

The NL Energy Compact presents our joint ambition and commitment in the form of a multi-stakeholder energy compact, engaging organizations from government, private sector, finance, civil society, academia, and youth. The NL Energy Compact has been jointly launched by 26 Dutch based organizations on Sept 15th 2021.

Together and individually, we will support We will people in low and middle-income countries to reach the SDG7 goals by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050, through an approach that is gender sensitive, locally led and globally connected.

During the decade of action towards 2030, we will support increased action on the following themes:

- (1) universal access to clean cooking,
- (2) universal access to electricity,
- (3) finance and investment,
- (4) displacement and fragile contexts,
- (5) youth and gender.

Time frame: 2021-2030

Context for the ambition(s):

Over 25 public and private organisations based in the Netherlands commit to support global action on the SDG7 goals, and accelerate just and inclusive energy transition in low and middle-income countries. Launching members: African Clean Energy, BIX Capital, CARE Nederland, Climate Fund Managers, Climate Neutral Group, DOEN foundation, Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation, ENERGIA, Fair Climate Fund, FMO, GOGLA, HIVOS, IKEA Foundation, Lendahand, Maastricht University, Mercy Corps Netherlands, Mimi-Moto, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands Enterprise and Development Agency, Oxfam Novib, Pit Pure Power, Rural Spark, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, Spark Energy, The Dutch Spark for Clean Cooking Solutions, Zola Electric

1.2. Other ambitions in support of SDG7 by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050. [Please describe below e.g., coal phase out or reforming fossil fuel subsidies etc.]

SECTION 2: ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE AMBITION

2.1. Please add at least one key action for each of the elaborated ambition(s) from section 1. *[Please add rows as needed]*.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Universal access to clean cooking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We endorse the Clean Cooking Principles presented to the High Level Dialogue on Energy by the Global Champions on energy access • Through multi-stakeholder approaches, build and incentivise private sector initiatives to deliver universal access to clean cooking • Develop and share advanced and affordable clean cooking technologies, fuels, business models and financing solutions. • Explore solutions to address the affordability gap for those people who cannot afford the full cost of access to clean cooking. 2. Universal access to electricity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and promote (local) private sector and community initiatives to deliver universal access to renewable electricity • Explore solutions to close the affordability gap for people who cannot afford the full cost of access to electricity 3. Finance and investment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use blended finance constructions and targeted grants to help develop local markets and to maximise impact while mobilising additional private capital. Ensure strengthening of the entire value chain: from production, transmission and distribution, to off-grid solutions. • Make climate markets easily accessible, just and fair, through the development and deployment of data-centered solutions. • Support multilateral development banks to focus their energy portfolio specifically on the SDG7 targets, in particular leaving no one behind through appropriate just and inclusive energy-transition solutions for those unable to afford them, and phase out support for fossil fuels. • Adopt harmonised methodologies and approaches to ensure that new financing is aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement and consistent with the decarbonisation trajectory of the relevant sector or country and disclose the nature of such methodologies. • Support civil society to bring forward locally shaped climate solutions, including energy access, and ensure their participation in decision making on policy and finance. 4. Displacement and fragile contexts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly mobilise funding to ensure access to clean energy for displaced people, and people otherwise affected by natural or man-made disasters • Collaborate across humanitarian and development organisations, involving private and public partners for joint analysis and action on access to clean energy for displaced people and people otherwise affected by natural and man-made disasters, with a particular focus on local ownership and gender equality. • Develop and showcase innovative, scalable, socially just and financially sustainable solutions for access to clean energy in humanitarian settings. • Engage with donors, private sector, financial sector and development actors for development of investment and funding models for access to clean energy in humanitarian and development contexts. 5. Youth and gender <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop balanced, socially inclusive, participation of youth and women in project design and implementation. Winning men's support for these initiatives by working with local community leaders. • Invest in young expert programmes and systematically integrate and monitor targeted actions to address gender inequality in all projects, in order to meet women's and youths' energy needs. • Develop mentoring programmes involving more experienced and senior professionals in the sector to ensure a smooth onboarding programme for newcomers in the sector and reduce resistance with existing staff. • Develop – together with local civil society organisations, indigenous communities, youth and women's organisations – climate solutions that enable a transition to a low-carbon economy but also provide livelihoods, jobs and economic opportunities for young and female citizens in developing countries 	<p><i>sept2021-Sept2030</i></p>
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SECTION 3: OUTCOMES

3.1. Please add at least one measurable and time-based outcome for each of the actions from section 2. *[Please add rows as needed]*.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Universal access to clean cooking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to clean cooking for 45 million people • Reduce carbon emissions via clean cooking with 50 million tons CO₂ -eq, preferably via non-fossil solutions 2. Universal access to electricity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to renewable electricity for 100 million people, especially through off-grid solar 3. Finance and investment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMART outcome indicator not available yet 4. Displacement and fragile contexts 	<p><i>Sept2021-Sept2030</i></p>
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- SMART outcome indicator not available yet
5. Youth and gender
- Double job and career opportunities for youth and women, including from local communities and organisations, in the energy transition.
 - Double investment in local business and wealth creation opportunities for women and youth in clean energy value chains and productive use of energy activities.
 - Double opportunities for youth and women for learning, development and training in the energy transition sector, especially in developing countries

SECTION 4: REQUIRED RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

4.1. Please specify required finance and investments for **each** of the actions in section 2.

The NL Compact members will leverage broad partnerships to deliver on our joint ambition, and will seek to mobilize others to reach our global SDG7 goals.

SECTION 5: IMPACT

5.1. Countries planned for implementation including number of people potentially impacted.

Low and middle income countries

5.2. Alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Please describe how **each** of the actions from section 2 impact advancing the SDGs by 2030.

[up to 500 words, please upload supporting strategy documents as needed]

Fully aligned

5.3. Alignment with Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050 - Please describe how **each** of the actions from section 2 align with the Paris Agreement and national NDCs (if applicable) and support the net-zero emissions by 2050.

[up to 500 words, please upload supporting strategy documents as needed]

Fully aligned

SECTION 6: MONITORING AND REPORTING

6.1. Please describe how you intend to track the progress of the proposed outcomes in section 3. Please also describe if you intend to use other existing reporting frameworks to track progress on the proposed outcomes.

The NL Energy Compact will be a living document, allowing for further partners to join. During the decade of action towards 2030, we will annually review our energy compact through an open dialogue, allowing us to scale up our commitment, follow success stories, sharing learnings and responding to challenges.

SECTION 7: GUIDING PRINCIPLES CHECKLIST

Please use the checklist below to validate that the proposed Energy Compact is aligned with the guiding principles.

I. Stepping up ambition and accelerating action - Increase contribution of and accelerate the implementation of the SDG7 targets in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for Paris Agreement

I.1. Does the Energy Compact strengthen and/or add a target, commitment, policy, action related to SDG7 and its linkages to the other SDGs that results in a higher cumulative impact compared to existing frameworks?

Yes No

I.2. Does the Energy Compact increase the geographical and/or sectoral coverage of SDG7 related efforts? Yes No

I.3. Does the Energy Compact consider inclusion of key priority issues towards achieving SDG7 by 2030 and the net-zero emission goal of the Paris Agreement by 2050 - as defined by latest global analysis and data including the outcome of the Technical Working Groups? Yes No

II. Alignment with the 2030 agenda on Sustainable Development Goals – Ensure coherence and alignment with SDG implementation plans and strategies by 2030 as well as national development plans and priorities.

II.1. Has the Energy Compact considered enabling actions of SDG7 to reach the other sustainable development goals by 2030? Yes No

II.2. Does the Energy Compact align with national, sectoral, and/or sub-national sustainable development strategies/plans, including SDG implementation plans/roadmaps? Yes No

II.3. Has the Energy Compact considered a timeframe in line with the Decade of Action? Yes No

III. Alignment with Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050 - Ensure coherence and alignment with the Nationally Determined Contributions, long term net zero emission strategies.

III.1. Has the Energy Compact considered a timeframe in line with the net-zero goal of the Paris Agreement by 2050? Yes No

III.2. Has the Energy Compact considered energy-related targets and information in the updated/enhanced NDCs? Yes No

III.3. Has the Energy Compact considered alignment with reaching the net-zero emissions goal set by many countries by 2050? Yes No

IV. Leaving no one behind, strengthening inclusion, interlinkages, and synergies - Enabling the achievement of SDGs and just transition by reflecting interlinkages with other SDGs.

IV.1. Does the Energy Compact include socio-economic impacts of measures being considered? Yes No

IV.2. Does the Energy Compact identify steps towards an inclusive, just energy transition? Yes No

IV.3. Does the Energy Compact consider measures that address the needs of the most vulnerable groups (e.g. those impacted the most by energy transitions, lack of energy access)? Yes No

V. Feasibility and Robustness - Commitments and measures are technically sound, feasible, and verifiable based a set of objectives with specific performance indicators, baselines, targets and data sources as needed.

V.1. Is the information included in the Energy Compact based on updated quality data and sectoral assessments, with clear and transparent methodologies related to the proposed measures? Yes No

V.2. Has the Energy Compact considered inclusion of a set of SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, resource-based and time based) objectives? Yes No

V.3. Has the Energy Compact considered issues related to means of implementation to ensure feasibility of measures proposed (e.g. cost and financing strategy, technical assistant needs and partnerships, policy and regulatory gaps, data and technology)? Yes No

SECTION 8: ENERGY COMPACT GENERAL INFORMATION

8.1. Title/name of the Energy Compact

NL Energy Compact

8.2. Lead entity name (for joint Energy Compacts please list all parties and include, in parenthesis, its entity type, using entity type from below)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

8.3. Lead entity type

Government

Local/Regional Government

Multilateral body /Intergovernmental Organization

Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

Civil Society organization/Youth

Academic Institution /Scientific Community

Private Sector

Philanthropic Organization

Other relevant actor

8.4. Contact Information

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8.5. Please select the geographical coverage of the Energy Compact

Africa Asia and Pacific Europe Latin America and Caribbean North America West Asia Global

8.6. Please select the Energy Compact thematic focus area(s)

Energy Access Energy Transition Enabling SDGs through inclusive just Energy Transitions Innovation, Technology and Data Finance and Investment.

SECTION 9: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (IF REQUIRED)

Please provide additional website link(s) on your Energy Compact, which may contain relevant key documents, photos, short video clips etc.

- Website of NL Energy Compact: [NL Energy Compact | NL Platform](#)
- Full Video of launch event NL Energy Compact on Sept 15th 2021: [Launch NL Energy Compact - YouTube](#)