

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

SDG7 Energy Compact on Renewable energy for United Nations Peacekeeping

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High-Level meeting on the Energy Compact on renewable energy for United Nations Peacekeeping at the thirteenth session of the Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency

The High-Level meeting has formally launched the “Energy Compact on renewable energy for UN Peacekeeping” which was announced at the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Dialogue on Energy in September 2021.

We discussed how transitioning UN peacekeeping operations to renewable energy could benefit host communities, particularly in rural and remote areas. The meeting fostered dialogue among the Compact partners while also highlighted the prospect of more partners participating. We shared potential project concepts and agreed on a broad action plan to guide the implementation of the Compact.

On the occasion of the High-Level meeting conducted on January 13, 2023, we have dedicated ourselves to the actions to achieve the ambition as specified in the Energy Compact on Renewable Energy for Peacekeeping:

1. **Conduct international, regional and national events to undertake joint outreach and engagement** with renewable energy stakeholders from governments, the private sector, financial community and civil society;
2. **Support regional, sub-regional and national level dialogue** in the countries in which peacekeeping operations are active, on challenges, gaps and opportunities for scaling up renewable energy deployments, as well as raise awareness on the benefits of these initiatives and activities towards accelerating renewable energy deployment;
3. **Coordinate the provision of technical assistance and capacity building** to interested host governments to promote enabling policy and regulatory frameworks in the renewable energy sector, and support expanding local supply chains that are able to provide renewable energy services and related opportunities for increasing access to energy in local communities;
4. **Exchange knowledge and best practices on priority issues** pertaining to renewable energy deployment, including but not limited to, financing mechanisms, enabling policies and regulations, delivery models, efficient and transparent procurement processes, etc.;
5. **Explore the establishment of a dedicated trust fund facility or use existing trust fund facility(ies) with funding agencies, donors and international organizations** that can provide de-risking instruments as well as use access to technical assistance, project development and facilitation, and financing including in concessional terms for renewable energy projects in fragile settings;
6. **Partner with host countries, peacekeeping missions, and development actors in the development of country-level work plans** to facilitate the realization of the Energy Compact and related projects tailored to the local context;
7. **Commit to reporting on progress of the Energy Compact** at the annual Assembly of IRENA and other international energy and climate fora, as appropriate; including the expansion of compact signatories.

We call on all relevant stakeholders to combine efforts to support the realization of the SDG7 Energy Compact of Renewable Energy for Peacekeeping. We request IRENA and UNDOCS to work with partners to utilize extrabudgetary resources to establish a mechanism to guide and coordinate the work, nominate respective focal points to facilitate coordination with the partners, and report on the implementation of the Energy Compact at IRENA annual assemblies and other international energy and climate fora.

Country stakeholders

- Central African Republic
- Republic of Cyprus
- Kingdom of Denmark
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Republic of Mali
- Kingdom of Norway
- Federal Republic of Somalia
- Republic of South Sudan
- United Arab Emirates
- United States of America
- Germany
- Panama

International Organisations

- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- UN Department of Operational Support (DOS)
- UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO)
- African Union Transition Mission (ATMIS)
- United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)
- United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA)
- United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS)
- United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)
- United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)
- United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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