Efforts to accelerate global actions to ensure that all people have access to dean energy and electricity received a lift today as The IKEA Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation announced plans to launch a \$1 billion fund to boost access to renewable energy in developing countries, and a consortium of organizations led by Kenya, Malawi and the Netherlands advanced a call to action for dean cooking.

At the same session, Google reaffirmed its commitment to source carbon-free energy for all of its operations in all places, at all times, by 2030, setting a high bar for other tech companies.

These announcements came today as the UN opened a week of Ministerial Thematic Forums on energy. The Forums, running from 21 to 25 June, are part of an effort to engage governments,

universal access to clean energy and a pathway to net-zero emissions. The Forums are focused on actions that would achieve the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 7 on energy by 2030.

s will lay the groundwork for the High-level Dialogue on Energy, a summit-level event to be held during the UN General Assembly this September. In addition to the announcements today, several other countries, businesses and organizations will present their plans during the week, with many others

in OECD countries, and by 2040 globally, and to phase out fossil fuel subsidies and re-direct those funds towards a just, inclusive energy transition that leaves no one behind and creates green jobs.

His specific calls are among the key recommendations made by five Technical Working Groups, which are issuing their reports this week to inform the Forums, setting out a proposed global roadmap for steps needed to achieve dean, affordable energy for all by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050.

The IKEA Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation announced they will join forces to set up a \$1 billion catalytic fund, committing \$500 million

supporting the transition to renewable energy through that support more inclusive and green economies, particularly in countries with low levels of renewable energy generation or poor energy efficiency improvement rates. Recognizing that change will be disruptive, UNDP will work to ensure that such transitions are just, and that their impact on vulnerable people is understood and duly mitigated.

Damilola Ogunbiyi, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Dialogue Co-Chair, said that by 2023, Sustainable Energy for All will directly provide over 2 million new energy connections through its Universal Energy Facility, displacing at least 1 million fossil-fuel based generators and 4 MT CO2e emissions and creating about 2 million jobs. Also by 2023, it will leverage US\$640 million towards energy access and/or clean energy transitions directly and indirectly through SEForALL's work.

A Call to Action to accelerate access to dean cooking was advanced by a consortium of over a dozen Governments and organizations, who invited additional partners to join in the lead-up to the September summit. The initiative, spearheaded by Kenya, the Netherlands and Malawi as Global Champions for energy access, will be formalized as an Energy Compact in the weeks ahead.

The Netherlands also previewed its national Energy Compact today, citing its commitment to the goal of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030, in partnership with Dutch private sector, civil society, financial