

# WHO High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy Platform of Action

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## In news

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally addressed the first meeting of the World Health Organization High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy Platform of Action

## About WHO High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy Platform of Action

- The High Level Coalition on Health and Energy, convened by the WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, is comprised of leaders from governments supporting HEPA as well as leaders from selected international organizations and other high level health and energy champions.
- The objective of the High Level Coalition is to strengthen high-level cooperation between health and energy sectors, increase political momentum, spur investments, mobilize public support and drive practical solutions.
- In 2019, WHO with UNDP, UN DESA and World Bank, International Renewable Energy Agency, and other key stakeholders established the Health and Energy Platform of Action (HEPA).
- **This Platform aims to build the political, and financial commitment and as well as strengthen the capacity of the health and energy sectors** to work together to ensure universal access to clean and sustainable energy to protect health.

- The long-term vision of the Global Platform is to improve the health and livelihoods of the poorest populations through the adoption of clean and sustainable energy.
- With an initial focus on clean cooking and health care facility electrification, the Platform aims to catalyse the scale of results required to achieve SDG 3 on health, SDG 7 on energy and others on gender (goal 5) and climate (goal 13)

### **India's initiatives in this regard**

#### **National Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health:**

- It was constituted by the Union government with the multiple objectives of creating awareness amongst the general population, health-care providers and policy makers regarding impact of climate change on human health.
- This expert body submitted its report recently in April 2021 with inclusion of Subject Specific Health Action Plans on identified Climate Sensitive Diseases and 'One Health'.

#### **Malé Declaration**

In the context of "Green and Climate Resilient Healthcare Facilities", **India became signatory to the Malé Declaration in 2017** and agreed to promote climate-resilient healthcare facilities to be able to withstand any climatic event