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Lily Riahi works at Cool Coalition, UNEP and coordinates the [Cool Coalition](#) partnership, a new initiative that was an official outcome of the Energy Transition Track of the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019. The Cool Coalition supports governments' transition to efficient, climate-friendly cooling through a holistic approach – one emphasizing reduce, shift, improve, protect – to cooling that promotes nature based solutions, smart buildings, renewable energy and efficiency solutions while meeting the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, and the Sustainable Development Goals. Lily also oversees the [District Energy in Cities Initiative](#), which is working with over fifty public-private partners on implementing different business models that promote the uptake of efficient and renewable district energy (heating, cooling, and power) in cities. Over the last fifteen years, Lily has developed public-private partnerships and implemented renewable energy and energy efficiency programmes for UNEP, Global Environment Facility, REN21, the Environmental Defence Fund, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and the German parliament- where she participated in the set-up and promotion of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). She is also the report author of several energy publications, including 'District Energy in Cities: Unlocking the Potential of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,' a UN Environment publication.



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