



Ministerial Thematic Forums

21 – 25 June 2021

Event name: Israel's Energy Innovation

Event date and time: 22 June 2021 14.00 EST

Organizers: Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN, Israel Ministry of Energy

Number of participants: 110

Main speakers and brief summary [max 300 words]: The Israeli Mission to the UN and Israel's Ministry of Energy held a global, virtual event on the subject of Israeli innovation in the field of renewable energy. The event took place as part of a collaboration between Israel's ambassador to the United States and the United Nations Gilad Erdan and Israel's Ministry of Energy, led by Minister Karine Elharrar. Ambassador Erdan focused his remarks on the dueling challenges that the world faces in regard to the achievement of SDG7. It is a vital priority to expand energy access to the entire population. Simultaneously, however, Ambassador Erdan acknowledged the existential threat that unsustainable energy usage poses to the world. Thus, Ambassador Erdan highlighted the investment that Israel is actively making in supporting innovative approaches to enhance the clean energy market. Ambassador Erdan also stressed the effort that Israel is making to transition to renewable energy. He shared that by 2025, Israel will no longer burn coal, aiming to shift completely to renewables by 2050. Israel's new Minister of Energy, Her Excellency Karine Elharrar echoed Ambassador Erdan's remarks by sharing the active efforts that the Ministry of Energy is making to develop sustainable sources of energy and ensuring that the achievement of SDG7 and the protection of our planet is a national priority. The rest of the event consisted of presentations from Israeli innovators and entrepreneurs sharing their products with the potential to revolutionize the energy industry. Products included high-efficiency solar panels, wave-based power generation, software for energy grid optimization, and tools to harness the power of hydrogen fuel.

Key outcomes [max 100 words]: Israel's event, "Israel Energy Innovation's" hosted a wide range of guests from a diverse assortment of industries all across the globe. Israel's exposition of its diligent and novel work in the renewable energy industry, connected academics and scientists to exchange research, policymakers to collaborate on international environmental reform, and entrepreneurs to bilaterally invest in the future. Participants left the side event heartened to see the work that has already been done, optimistic about the potential of renewable energy, and inspired by Israel's actionable work in renewables to take SDG7 into their own hands.

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