



**SDG7 YOUTH
CONSTITUENCY**
YOUTH IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



**UN Major Group for
Children and Youth**
the space for children and youth in the United Nations

Championing Youth Mainstreaming in SDG7

Concept note

Background

The active and effective involvement and engagement of youth plays a pivotal role in the achievement of SDG 7 and a just and inclusive energy transition. However, barriers in access to technology, education, finance and representation at the high-level discussions and in regulatory processes hinder youth participation and their ability to benefit from and lead the sustainable energy transition.

This side event, organised by the SDG7 Youth Constituency in partnership with UNIDO and Student Energy, aims to highlight concrete actions from youth organizations to inspire others and launch the 'Coalition for SDG7 Youth Inclusion' that presents possible entry points for all non-youth stakeholders to catalyze action towards youth empowerment for transitioning to a more just and inclusive energy transition.

Overview

In conjunction with the HLDE event, the SDG7 Youth Constituency, Student Energy, and UNIDO plans on holding a side event to provide insight into the HLDE Theme Reports from a youth perspective and call on stakeholders to take action in promoting youth inclusion in the energy space. To achieve this goal, the side event will showcase opportunities for stakeholders to leverage youth engagement in their Energy Compacts to accelerate progress towards SDG7 through two main segments:

1. Providing **a summary of the HLDE Ministerial Thematic Reports** that presents key insights from a youth perspective and outlines the youth-enabling recommendations, action and calls-to-action for non-youth stakeholders to support youth inclusion.
2. Launching the **Call to Action to Champion Youth Mainstreaming**. The champions of the call to action will present tangible recommendations, actionable steps, and accountability indicators for stakeholders to push for youth engagement in their localized environments and/or organizations through actionable steps. We will also feature signatories who can explain their motivations for joining the **Call to Action** and explain the next steps and actions for stakeholders interested in joining the **Call to Action**.



Logistics

Date: Friday, 24 September 2021

Time: 07:00 to 08:15 AM (EST) (75 min)

Venue: Virtual

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726503785> (International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kduupo4fls>)

Audience: Stakeholders who submitted or are in the process of developing their Energy Compacts and are interested in youth mainstreaming in their Compacts.

Format

The first segment will be delivered as a standard panel discussion with various members of the SDG7 YC team (*authors and editors of the Youth and SDG 7: Summary of HLDE Theme Reports Paper*) presenting the report. The second segment will be held by SDG7YC, Student Energy, and UNIDO to present and launch the recommendations, **Call to Action to Champion Youth Mainstreaming**, as well as showcasing the youth energy compacts.

There will be one support team member monitoring the chats and questions to be answered in real-time by non-presenting members. The team member monitoring the chat will also be providing secondary information by posting the links for the audience to have access. There will also be a moderator to take a few questions from the audience; any presenter may answer the question and should indicate so to the moderator.

Agenda

Time	Agenda item	Speaker
5 minutes	Welcome, introduction (i.e. agenda, who is there, why the audience should be here) - Who we are, what we do, goals of workshop	Moderator
Segment 1		
15 minutes	Youth in the HLDE Process - Summary of the youth perspectives in the HLDE thematic reports, highlighting the role of youth and the recommendations for increased youth engagement.	Youth speakers
5 minutes	Summary Paper Q&A	Moderator



Segment 2		
15 minutes	<p>Call to Action and Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is the call to action about?- Call to action to champion youth mainstreaming- An overview of the recommendations and their themes- Best practices: How to best create an inclusive environment for youth input and developing engagement mechanisms/avenues for collection of youth input (5 min)	SDG7 YC Representative + Student Energy Representative
5 minutes	Call to Action Q&A	SDG7 YC Moderator
20 minutes	<p>Discussion about the Call to Action to Champion Youth Mainstreaming (2-3 minutes per person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Statements from champions to talk about their motivations to support the Call to Action- Highlight expected commitments from a Champion of the Call to Action	Youth Representatives South Africa SEforALL UNIDO, Tareq Emteirah, Director, Department of Energy RCREEE
10 minutes	Final Q&A, sharing of Contacts, and Conclusion	SDG7 YC Representative + Student Energy Representative