

High-Level Dialogue on Energy 24 September 2021 Information Note for Side Events

A limited number of side events will be held on the margins of the High-level Dialogue on Energy 2021, on <u>24 September from 07:00 to 08:15 AM</u> (EST) to demonstrate strong collective action and showcase commitments towards SDG 7 and net-zero emissions.

Given the ongoing situation linked to COVID-19, it has been decided that all Side-events will be held virtually. Member States and multi-stakeholder representatives are invited to submit their application for side events, following the criteria and process below, by **16 September 2021**.

The full schedule of approved side events with the corresponding access details will be made available on the <u>High-level Dialogue on Energy website.</u>

1- Criteria

- Given the limited number of slots available, applications should be kept to one per entity.
- In the interest of highlighting collective action, we encourage organizations to work together with a range of partners to ramp up global ambition toward SDG7.
- Side events should encourage novel actions and should thematically focus on <u>one or more of the 5 themes</u> of the High-level Dialogue on Energy, i.e.: (i) Energy Access; (ii) Energy Transition; (iii) Enabling SDGs through inclusive, just energy transitions; (iv) Innovation, technology, and data; and (v) Finance and Investment.
- Side events should demonstrate clear synergies and coherence across the thematic areas in order to advance positive co-benefits towards the achievement of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.
- For the purpose of showing collective action towards the SDG 7, organizations applying to side events with a similar thematic focus may be asked to merge their side events.
- All side events will take place virtually and be openly available to all participants.
- Panels held at side events should ensure geographic and gender balance and be a mix of countries and other actors.

2- Process:

Applications for side events can be made at: https://forms.office.com/r/821FgKVR8Y
The deadline for application for side events is **16 September 2021**.

The proposal should provide a detailed description of the side event, including its thematic focus and a tentative line-up of speakers/presenters. It should also clearly indicate the main organizers of the event and their contacts.

Please note that the organizers of the side events are responsible for the technical provision of the on-line platform and for publicizing the side event. The secretariat of the High-level Dialogue on Energy will not be in a position to provide logistical support. There will be no official interpretation service or webcasting services provided for the side event.

The HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY Secretariat will review all submissions after the deadline and organizers will receive information about their side events by **19 September 2021.**

3. Contact:

For more information please contact the High-Level Dialogue on Energy Secretariat at UN DESA (att: salame1@un.org).