



## **Side Event: High-Level Dialogue on Energy**

**Event name:** Priority action on clean cooking for all

**Event date and time:** September 24, 7.00 - 8.15 AM EST

**Organizers:** Kenya, Malawi, Netherlands, in cooperation with UN-DESA, World Bank, UNDP and UNOHRLLS

**Number of participants:** 170

### **Main speakers and brief summary [max 300 words]:**

In the run-up to the summit segment of the HLDE, the event showcased commitments to clean cooking by member-states and support available to member-states. Following high-level opening remarks by Kenya, Malawi, and the Netherlands, the World Bank and UNDP presented the HLDE action roadmap on clean cooking. High-level representatives from Rwanda, Nepal, Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria and Ireland presented their commitment to action on clean cooking. World Health Organisation, African Development Bank, World Food Program, Clean Cooking Alliance and EnDev Partnership clarified their support for countries willing to put clean cooking higher on the agenda. The event was closed by UN-DESA, stressing the important role of clean cooking in the HLDE.

### **Key outcomes [max 100 words]:**

Clean cooking is the most prominent challenge, where the HLDE must mark a historic moment of acceleration. Progress on the SDG7 target of universal access to clean cooking has been largely stagnant, despite the major benefits for health, development, gender and the economy.

The event demonstrated how front runner countries in Africa and Asia are stepping up to the challenge and making meaningful progress on clean cooking for all. Support on clean cooking action is available from development partners and programs. The co-conveners Kenya, Malawi and the Netherlands took this message to the summit segment of the HLDE.

Looking forward, it is urgent that more countries and institutions speak out on their priority for clean cooking, join the call to action, and strongly anchor universal access to clean cooking in their SDG7 policies and investment.

**Links to livestream recording/website/social media:**

Call to action on clean cooking: [call to action](#)

Livestream recording: <https://youtu.be/zWjQB1Rx3VM>

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