



**THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

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Excellency/Your Majesty,

It is my honour to invite you to participate in the High-level Dialogue on Energy to be held virtually at the summit level on 24 September 2021 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

As the first high-level meeting on energy in 40 years, convened under the auspices of the General Assembly, the Dialogue presents a historic opportunity to deliberate on a global road map for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 and to catalyse bold action to ensure access to clean and affordable energy services for all by 2030, while accelerating the energy transition towards net-zero emissions by 2050.

The world is at a critical juncture in the Decade of Action to achieve the 2030 Agenda and in the fight against climate change.

Investing in SDG 7 empowers billions of people and helps realize transformational benefits for the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals, while addressing the climate crisis and strengthening resilience, especially among the most vulnerable.

Decisive action is required to achieve access to clean energy for the 760 million people who currently live without electricity and for the 2.6 billion people still relying on harmful fuels for cooking. Ensuring access to clean, decarbonized energy for all by 2030 must be an urgent political priority at all levels.

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We must accelerate the energy transition by tripling investments for renewable energy and quadrupling the rate of energy efficiency improvement on the road towards net-zero emissions by 2050. Without deep energy decarbonization, the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change will fall quickly out of reach. We must shift fossil fuel subsidies to renewable energy, while creating new green jobs and ensuring a just, inclusive transition.

I encourage you to join this historic moment to share experiences, raise ambition and present voluntary commitments and actions in the form of “Energy Compacts” by all stakeholders. Your actions will also be critical to increasing momentum in the first years of the Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs, as well as towards the twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Glasgow in November 2021.

In view of the current global health situation, the Dialogue will be held in a virtual format. More information regarding the Dialogue, including the provisional programme overview, may be found at: <https://www.un.org/en/conferences/energy2021>. Participation details will also be made available on the website.

For additional information regarding the Dialogue, I invite you to contact the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, which has been designated as the Secretariat for the High-level Dialogue on Energy, at: [salame1@un.org](mailto:salame1@un.org).

Please accept, Excellency/Your Majesty, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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