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HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY
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High-Level Dialogue on Energy

24 September 2021

(Pre-Summit Events: 22 and 23 September 2021

Side Events: 24 September 2021)

Information Note

1. BACKGROUND

In line with the General Assembly resolution 74/225, the Secretary-General will convene a High-level Dialogue on Energy at the summit level during the 76th session of the UN General Assembly on Friday, 24 September 2021, to accelerate the implementation of the energy related goals and targets (SDG7) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In addition, a limited number of multi-stakeholder pre-summit events and side events will be organised on 22, 23 and 24 September for in-depth discussions and action commitments by multi-stakeholders.

As the first global gathering on energy under the auspices of the General Assembly since the UN Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy held in Nairobi in 1981, the Dialogue will bring together representatives of Governments, civil society, local authorities, international organizations and the private sector, along with other relevant stakeholders, with a view to provide transformational action in the first years of the SDG Decade of Action, the Decade of Sustainable Energy for All and the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The main outcomes of the Dialogue will be a non-negotiated summary of the Dialogue by the Secretary-General, including a global roadmap towards the achievement of SDG 7 by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050, as well as a series of “[Energy Compacts](#)”, from Member States and non-state actors such as companies, cities and civil society organizations, demonstrating their leadership actions and voluntary commitments towards SDG7 and net zero emissions.

The Dialogue has been informed by inclusive, far-reaching preparatory processes. [The 30 Member State Global Champions](#) spearheaded global advocacy and mobilisation of Energy Compacts. The five multi-stakeholder [Technical Working Groups](#), co-led by 16 UN and other international organisations and supported by 160 experts, produced the five [Theme Reports](#) to inform the [Ministerial Thematic Forums](#) that took place in June 2021, gathering 50 Ministers, 330 expert speakers and 1,500 participants with 80 side events. The deliberations during the Ministerial Thematic Forums identified key elements of the global roadmap towards the achievement of SDG 7 by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050, which serve as substantive inputs for the Dialogue.

2. FORMAT

The High-level Dialogue on 24 September as well as all pre-summit events and side events will be held in a virtual modality only.

3. PARTICIPATION

The Dialogue will be open to all Member States and multi-stakeholders. All participants will be able to follow the proceedings through webcast on the [High-Level Dialogue on Energy](#) website and through [UN Web TV](#).

4. ENERGY COMPACTS

All Member States and other stakeholders are encouraged to submit their Energy Compacts to be announced in conjunction with the Dialogue. More information is available on the [Energy Compact](#) website.

5. HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY official segment (24 September 2021)

The official segment of the High-Level Dialogue on Energy will be held virtually from 09:30 a.m. to 6:00 pm (EST) on 24 September. Programme details will be made available on the [High-level Dialogue on Energy website](#).

5.1 Participation of Member States

All Member States, observer States and the European Union are invited to engage in the official segment. Official invitation letters by the Secretary-General addressed to Heads of State and Government have been transmitted through respective Permanent Missions to the UN.

Access to the virtual platform

The link to the virtual platform will be made available in due course. Only the members of the delegation who intend to speak during the virtual meetings should log into the virtual platform. Since the capacity of the platform is limited, delegates should limit their participation on the platform to 1 or 2 delegates at a given time and should not share or forward the link. Other members of the delegation may view the proceedings on the webcast and would not need to join the virtual platform.

Inscriptions to deliver a statement

Delegations represented at the level of Head of State or Government wishing to make an intervention during the High-Level Dialogue on Energy, will be invited to register through the e-speakers module on the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edeleGATE.un.int/>). **Inscription is now open and will close on 17 September.** In order to accommodate as many speakers as possible within the limited time available, a time limit of **three minutes** for statements will be strictly implemented. There will be a limited number of speakers due to the time constraints.

Delegations will be required to decide in advance whether the delivery of the statements will be virtually-live or through a pre-recorded video statement to be played during the Dialogue:

Live statements (virtual)

Requests to deliver live (virtual) statements at the official segment through the e-speakers module must be made **by 17 September 2021.**

Pre-recorded videos

The deadline for the submission of pre-recorded videos is **17 September 2021**. For technical reasons, it will not be possible to guarantee the acceptance of a pre-recorded video if received after this date.

Video files received must adhere to the time limit of **3 minutes**. Those delegations that indicate their preference to submit a **pre-recorded video** in their inscription on e-speakers will be provided with a dedicated link to upload the video file. The video file should be uploaded as soon as possible after receiving the link from the Secretariat via email in order to ensure that technical arrangements are completed to display the video at the meeting. Delegations will also be asked to share the contact information of the technical focal point at their mission.

Regarding video file specifications, standard video file formats (.MOV, MPEG-4) are acceptable with HD resolution of 1920x1080 (preferably) or 1280x720pixels (as a minimum) in an aspect ratio of 16:9.

Please use the following name convention:

[Delegation or Country or Presenter Name][24 September]_HLDE.[extension] (*please exclude the brackets*)

To facilitate interpretation, all delegations submitting a pre-recorded video or delivering a statement (including virtually-live) are requested to provide a written text of the statement (preferably in Microsoft Word, as well as in PDF format) by email to estatements@un.org well in advance of the meeting, but no later than three hours before delivery. The email should indicate the title and date of the meeting, and the name and delegation of the speaker.

5.2 Participation of all multi-stakeholders (non-Member State participants)

Representatives of multi-stakeholders will be able to follow the proceedings through webcast on the [High-Level Dialogue on Energy](#) website and through [UN Web TV](#).

Only invited speakers and a limited number of support staff will be allowed to log into the online platform hosting the event. The link to the virtual platform will be made available to the invited speakers in due course.

6. PRE-SUMMIT EVENTS (22 and 23 September 2021)

Multi-stakeholder pre-Summit events will take place from 07.00 to 09:30 AM EST on 22 and 23 September 2021, to highlight significant leadership actions in the form of Energy Compacts. These pre-Summit events are open to all Member States and multi-stakeholders to follow the proceedings through webcast on the [High-Level Dialogue on Energy](#) website and through [UN Web TV](#).

More details about the Pre-Summit events will be posted on the [High-level Dialogue on Energy website](#) shortly.

7. SIDE EVENTS (24 September 2021)

A limited number of side events will be held on 24 September from 07:00 to 08:15 AM (EST) to demonstrate strong collective action and showcase commitments towards SDG 7 and net-zero emissions. Guidelines for side events applications can be found on the [High-level Dialogue on Energy website](#).

8. CONTACT

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