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3 June 2021, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM (EDT / New York Time)

Concept Note

11 May 2021

BACKGROUND

The General Assembly, through its resolution 74/225, invited the Secretary-General, with the support of the relevant United Nations system entities, to convene [a high-level dialogue in 2021](#) to promote the implementation of the energy-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in support of the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All (2014–2024) and the Paris Agreement.

The [High-level Dialogue on Energy](#), to be held in September 2021, represents the first global gathering on energy under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly since 1981. It provides a historic opportunity to drive energy transformation in the first years of the SDG Decade of Action and support the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

To facilitate the organization of the Dialogue, the Secretary-General has designated the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs as the Dialogue Secretary-General and the UN-Energy Co-Chairs, namely Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, and Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as the Dialogue Co-Chairs to facilitate substantive content development, and multi-stakeholder mobilization.

The Dialogue calls for concrete actions to further accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. Moreover, it is expected that the Dialogue will also feature additional voluntary commitments, including ‘Energy Compacts’, by Member States and non-state actors such as companies and sub-national authorities.

STAKEHOLDERS ONLINE BRIEFINGS

The engagement of stakeholders from a broad range of sectors, including non-governmental organizations, civil society, academic institutions, the scientific community, local and regional governments, the private sector and philanthropic organizations will be critical for the successful outcomes of the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy.



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In this regard, UN DESA in collaboration with the Dialogue Co-Chairs will organize a series of online briefings in the lead up to the event in order to share information with stakeholders about the Dialogue and its preparatory process, including opportunities for stakeholder participation and contribution.

The first online briefing was held on [17 December 2020](#).

ONLINE STAKEHOLDERS THEMATIC DEBATE

An online thematic debate is scheduled to promote an exchange of views and inputs/contributions from stakeholders on the five overarching themes of the United Nations High Level Dialogue on Energy¹.

The online technical dialogue will also be an opportunity for an informal exchange of views between stakeholders and the co-leads of the HLD [Technical Working groups](#).

The online technical dialogue will be held on **3 June 2021, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM EDT (New York Time)**.

Recording of the event as well as a summary of discussions will be posted online.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Registration of all interested stakeholders is open at the following link by **2 June 2021**: <http://bit.ly/HLDEthematicdebate>