



**INFORMATION NOTE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
2021 MINISTERIAL THEMATIC FORUMS
FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY**

21–25 June 2021 | Virtual

1. Background

Pursuant to 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 in September 2021, in New York. The Dialogue will result in a forward-looking statement calling for concrete actions to further accelerate SDG7 implementation in support of the Decade of Action to deliver on the SDGs and the climate objectives of the Paris Agreement. Moreover, the Dialogue will also feature voluntary commitments and action, in the form of “Energy Compacts”, from Member States and non-state actors such as companies, sub-national authorities and civil society organizations.

2. Ministerial Thematic Forums

The Ministerial Thematic Forums will be held virtually, from 21 to 25 June 2021. The Forums will provide an important platform in the preparation towards the High-level Dialogue to share experiences and discuss opportunities for scaling up action towards the achievement of SDG 7, and to contribute to a decade of action to deliver the 2030 Agenda, as well as to reach the Paris Agreement goals.

During the Ministerial Thematic Forums week, there will be five Forums, each one focusing on one of the five themes of the Dialogue: i) the Energy Access Forum (21 June), ii) the Energy Transitions Forum (23 June), iii) the Forum on Enabling SDGs through Inclusive, Just Energy Transitions (24 June), iv) the Forum on Innovation, Technology and Data (22 June), and v) the Forum on Finance and Investment (25 June), in support of SDG7 achievement. The Forums

¹ This information note will be kept updated regularly



will be open to all stakeholders.

The Co-Leads of the Technical Working Group on the respective Theme will share their findings and key recommendations from their Thematic Report of the Technical Working Group during the Forum. The Forums will also provide a highly visible platform to launch Energy Compacts, boost momentum and encourage all stakeholders to mobilise further voluntary commitments ahead of the Summit in September.

3. Organizational arrangements:

The Member State Global Champions on the respective Theme will act as Co-hosts of the Thematic Forums. The Forums will be jointly convened by the Dialogue Co-Chairs and the Dialogue Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Co-Leads of the Technical Working Group on this Theme.

The Dialogue Secretariat will provide organizational and other support for the Thematic Forums in partnership with host governments as well as UN-Energy members.

4. Format:

The forum will be held virtually. Specific details on the digital platform are currently under discussion. Updated information will be forthcoming.

5. Participation:

The Forums are open to all Member States and other stakeholders including business, local authorities, civil society and youth.

6. Registration

Access to the Forums requires on-line registration for all participants. Representatives of Member States and other stakeholders including business, CSOs, local governments, youth, academia and others, who are interested in participating in the Forums are requested to register on-line at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccPNlkpjVpoFEr6a9wQmYodtUNkZKUU1SWTAXUEXITktLTFU5NTUzRTISVi4u>



7. Programme

Each Forum will comprise three different segments: (1) A series of parallel sessions on selected topics for that Theme (Global Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues); (2) A Ministerial Segment; and (3) Multi-stakeholder side events (SDG7 Action Zone). The day-by-day detailed programme will be made available on the High-level Dialogue on Energy website (link) in early June and regularly updated thereafter.

Overview of the thematic forums can be found here:
https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/overview_of_the_ministerial_thematic_forums_14_may.pdf

8. Side Events

SDG7 Action Zones, at the Ministerial Thematic Forums, will provide space for all interested stakeholders to organize side events to share experiences and ideas about SDG7 achievement and net zero emissions. These events will provide, as well, an ideal platform to launch Energy Compacts.

SDG7 Action Zone will be open from 6 AM to 7 AM NY Time from Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June, and from 11:30 AM to 8:00 PM NY time from Monday 21 June to Thursday 24 June.

Interested parties are welcomed to submit their side event applications at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccPNlKpjVpoFEr6a9wQmYodtUQjBNTFMzSTFTNEZXUUkyUkdUWERFMkM5Mi4u>

Application process will be open **until 7 June 2021**.

9. Social Media

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