

Round Table Concept Notes

Leaders' Roundtable on Energy: Advancing Climate Mitigation Action 12 November, 14.00-15.30, Meeting Room 21

Overview and context:

The Leaders' Roundtable on Energy at COP29, co-chaired by H.E. Mukhtar Babayev, the COP29 President, and the Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), Dr. Fatih Birol, is the final event in the series of COP29-IEA High-Level Energy Transition Dialogues which the COP29 Presidency and the IEA have convened this year. World leaders will have the opportunity to call for what they want to see from the world at COP29 to keep 1.5°C within reach, and to share the actions which they are taking to achieve this pathway, including regarding implementation of the first Global Stocktake. Leaders are encouraged to be ambitious, optimistic and open minded.

The COP29 Presidency and the IEA, supported by the UNFCCC Secretariat, convened the series of High-Level Energy Transition Dialogues to both discuss the level of ambition and actions required to achieve just and equitable 1.5°C-aligned transitions, and contribute to energy-related outcomes for COP29. The Dialogues have engaged Ministers, CEOs and other decision-makers, reflecting a holistic global view of the energy system. Participants have candidly shared their ambitions, challenges and solutions to keep 1.5°C within reach, including how to effectively implement the energy outcomes of the Global Stocktake. This includes achieving the global goals on methane, renewable energy, and energy efficiency; supporting the process of mapping energy ambitions and actions into nationally determined contributions (NDCs); and identifying and developing key energy priorities for COP29, with a focus on the enabling factors of finance, technology transfer, capacity building and policy cooperation to accelerate clean energy transitions globally.

Attendance level and confirmed participants

The Roundtable will be attended by Heads of State and Government, and leaders of international organizations and CEOs.

Speaking opportunities for participants

We welcome world leaders to make brief and concise announcements and share new practical actions that their country / organization is taking to accelerate the energy transition. Alongside this, we welcome world leaders to share their high ambition for COP29 and global climate action.

The COP29 Presidency and the IEA will share more details on the Roundtable and support your preparation. Please engage with iea.sherpa@iea.org to set up a potential briefing.

Guiding questions

- * What new practical actions are your country/organisation taking to accelerate the global energy transition?
- * What is your country/organisation aiming for at COP29 to help deliver full and timely implementation of mitigation elements of the first GST, including regarding new nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and national actions?
- * How could the outcomes of COP29 support developing countries to implement the energy goals set at COP28?