

# SEforALL Youth Summit 2021 Call for Proposals

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## Background

789 million people lack electricity access and 2.8 billion people lack access to clean cooking. Climate change remains a key issue as most of the world's energy is generated from unsustainable sources like fossil fuels, while the COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the need for access to energy for healthcare provision and cooling solutions for vaccine distribution.

[Sustainable Development Goal \(SDG\) 7](#) calls for affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030. Its three core targets are the foundation of Sustainable Energy for All's work:

- Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services
- Increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix
- Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency

To drive youth-led action towards SDG 7, youth are invited to submit their ideas for tackling some of the challenges in meeting SDG 7 by 2030.



**What is your proposed technology or policy initiative to accelerate achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 in the Decade of Action?**

## Guidelines

- Entries may be submitted by individuals or groups of up to 5 individuals. Only one entry is allowed per group.
- Additional consideration will be given to proposals also impacting energy and cold chain requirements for optimal COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Initiatives may be in ideation or implementation stage.
- All individuals or members of participating groups must be between 15 to 30 years old.
- All entries must be submitted by 10 January 2021 (12 Midnight ET) through the [online submission form](#).
- Three finalists will be shortlisted to present at the live event at the Summit, where the winner will be announced.

## Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed by experts and members of the taskforce and scored using the following scoring matrix to achieve a maximum score of 100:

- **Alignment with competition scope:** Proposals will be assessed against their focus on helping achieve SDG 7 targets and link to COVID-19 vaccine distribution planning (up to 40 points)
- **Demonstrated potential for impact:** Proposals will be assessed by their potential to lead to direct and/or indirect scalable impact on ground, regardless of policy or technology scope (up to 40 points)
- **Quality of proposal:** Clear and compelling communication in responses crafted, data points provided and/or overall narrative of proposal (up to 20 points)

## Prizes

- **Cash prize:** USD 2,500 to support the implementation of the idea/proposal
- **Youth representation:** nomination to a relevant Technical Working Group of [the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy](#) in 2021
- **Visibility:** Spotlight feature from SEforALL (and partners) as well as exhibition opportunities (e.g. SEforALL Forum)