

## IEA Ministerial High Level Dialogue, hosted by Canada

### Building a Prosperous & Inclusive Economy for the Future

#### Background/context

This high-level ministerial dialogue will delve into key issues at the heart of building a prosperous and inclusive economy for the future with a focus on people-centred clean energy transitions, emphasising jobs, skills, equity, leadership opportunities, and social inclusion.

The initial segment will discuss employment opportunities and skills training in clean energy, highlighting their potential to promote social inclusion and economic opportunities. Subsequently, the dialogue will explore the positive social impacts of clean energy policy and the necessity of embedding fairness and inclusion within clean energy policies. The segment will underscore how our net zero future is not just a plan for our climate; it is a plan for job creation, economic competitiveness and prosperity.

Both segments will look at ensuring that marginalised groups, who have specific needs and who have been underrepresented in the energy and electricity sectors, will have more meaningful inclusion in the clean energy transition. The high-level dialogue will also give special attention to gender and Indigenous issues.

#### Objectives

- Identify the key barriers and opportunities to ensure marginalised and underrepresented groups participate in and benefit from the clean energy economy.
- Identify the actions leaders must take in the next 5 years to build on current momentum, strengthen capacity and support emerging partnerships.
- Discuss how to sustain the level of ambition globally, bring in new allies, include all voices into the conversation, and ensure diverse participation in the clean energy economy at all levels, including youth, marginalised groups and Indigenous peoples.
- Highlight the strong economic case for inclusivity in the clean energy transition, especially with respect to:
  - The opportunity for a more inclusive energy workforce.
  - A more inclusive approach to the clean energy transition, including affordability, access, and consent for clean energy projects.
  - Universal access to modern clean electricity that is affordable and secure.
  - Sustainable energy options for remote and isolated communities to help them phase-out fossil fuels.

#### IEA Secretariat support

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## Agenda

14:15 – 14:30	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel McCormick, Director General, International and Intergovernmental Affairs, Natural Resources Canada</li> <li>• Dr. Brian Motherway, Head of Energy Efficiency and Inclusive Transitions, IEA</li> </ul> <b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Canada</li> </ul>
14:30 – 15:10	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharan Burrow, Chair, IEA Clean Energy Labour Council and Former General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation</li> <li>• H.E. Antoine Félix Abdoulaye Diome, Minister of Petroleum &amp; Energy, Senegal</li> <li>• Chief Sharleen Gale, Chair, The First Nations Major Projects Coalition</li> <li>• The Hon. Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary of Energy, United States</li> <li>• H.E. Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy, European Union</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Rachel McCormick, Director General, International and Intergovernmental Affairs, Natural Resources Canada</p>
15:10 – 15:20	<b>Comments/questions from the floor</b>
15:20 – 15:30	<b>Wrap-up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Rapporteur: David Arinze, SDG7 Youth Constituency Global Focal Point</li> <li>• The Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Canada</li> </ul>