YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



**SEforALL's Global Convening Power:** Special relationship to the UN

For decades governments, companies and many other stakeholders have tried to find ways to tackle climate change Without the requisite ambition, it has now grown into an ever more urgent crisis. In parallel, the world has also continued to lack the ambition required to ensure everyone has access to affordable and clean energy. In 2021, a shift occurred. Energy - specifically a just and equitable energy transition - became a central part of the climate change conversation, starting at the UN General Assembly in New York and then at COP26 in Glasgow.



#### Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)

has been playing a central role in this shift. SEforALL is an international organization that works in partnership with the United Nations (UN) and global leaders to drive faster action on the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) – access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030 – in line with the Paris Agreement on climate change.

To achieve this goal, SEforAll aims to drive resources and action needed to provide energy access by 2030 to nearly 760 million people who live without electricity, and 2.6 billion who lack access to clean cooking solutions, while setting the world on a trajectory towards net-zero emissions by 2050.







The CEO, Damilola Ogunbiyi, also wears several hats that strengthen the relationship to the UN and SEforALL's global convening power. Appointed by the UN Secretary-General, she is also the Special Representative to the Secretary-General on Sustainable Energy for All, and Co-Chair of UN Energy. In these roles she uses her convening power to bring global leaders from the public and private sectors together to raise ambition on energy access and energy transition goals.

# The High-level Dialogue on Energy

In September 2021, the UN General Assembly convened the first energy summit in 40 years the High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE). SEforALL's CEO was assigned the role of Co-Chair and High-level Champion. In this capacity, she spearheaded a new concept -Energy Compacts, which was a key outcome to the HLDE. Energy Compacts are monitorable, voluntary and actionable commitments made by companies, governments, institutions and other actors that show how they plan to achieve SDG7 by 2030. These individual goals are aligned with the global Net Zero goals under the Paris Agreement. To date, 200 companies, philanthropies, development institutions, cities and governments have submitted their own energy compacts, which includes USD 600 billion in new finance and investments.

For more information and to view Energy Compacts, visit the UN Energy site.

#### COP27 and the SDG7 Pavilion

SEforALL hosted the first ever SDG7 Pavilion at last year's COP26 in Glasgow. In the lead up to COP26, the UK Presidency of COP26 named SEforALL's CEO Co-Chair of the COP26 Energy Transition Council, (ETC) which was launched to support transitions from fossil fuels to clean energy in developing countries.

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As part of the ETC support for Nigeria, SEforALL commissioned a data driven Energy Transition Plan that shows a credible pathway and investment target for net zero by 2050/2060. This helped spur the Government of Nigeria to announce their net-zero target by 2060 at COP26. At the conference in Glasgow, SEforALL also hosted the first-ever SDG7 Pavilion along with its partner, the newly launched Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet. During the 11-day conference, the SDG7 Pavilion became the 'people's house' programming 78 events, with 70 partners and 417 speakers. Through pavilion events and various other engagements including the CEO's main stage statement on energy during the plenary, SEforALL helped bring new attention among global leaders that SDG7 is a critical step on the road to net-zero by 2050.

# What's Next and Where is the Opportunity?

The HLDE and COP26 have created a global movement around Energy Compacts. They are seen as part of a tangible solution to the energy crisis. In this next phase, beginning in 2022, the UN-Energy team, led by Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), will launch an Energy Compact Action Network, that will continue to grow a global community of public and private supporters. In this second phase, the team will focus on delivery of commitments by matchmaking countries that committed to achieving energy goals but need support with companies and institutions that committed to delivering the necessary resources.



UN-Energy needs champions to support this work with financial resources. This support will help them to produce proof-of-concepts - by successfully delivering on Energy Compacts within countries. These results could showcase thousands of people who could have, for the first time, access to electricity, a decrease in emissions, improved health outcomes through electrifying healthcare facilities and providing clean cooking solutions, among other possible results. These results are expected to be announced at the next UN General Assembly in September and at COP27 in Egypt as a showcase of what is possible when the world comes together.

#### These will be big global moments that you could be a part of.

In addition, your support of an SDG7 Pavilion in the **upcoming COP27 conference in Egypt in November 2022** could help support our efforts to drive global ambition on a just and equitable energy transition – positioning your company as an **Energy Champion** and providing a global platform to showcase your initiatives and products.

### THE SEforALL 'ENERGY' FORUM 17 - 19 May Kigali

The Forum is the flagship event of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), which will take place from 17 - 19 May 2022 in Kigali in partnership with the Rwandan government in a hybrid format. This landmark global event will bring together over 1,000 leaders and many more virtually from a variety of sectors and regions together with youth and gender all focused on driving action on our energy and climate goals. The Forum in 2022 takes place at a critical moment. With the global spotlight on the twin energy and climate crises, we see this as an opportunity to continue to attract new commitments and drive implementation of energy access and transition plans in the lead up to COP27 in Egypt.

# Why should you be part of The Forum?

As a major event on the sustainable development and climate calendar, the Forum provides visibility and an opportunity to act and become part of a global movement.

> You can launch your ESG or sustainable energy initiative to a global audience or you can launch an Energy Compact, where you will have an opportunity to showcase it to the world. You can also showcase your company's commitments and speak to international media about your sustainable energy initiatives. These are only a few possibilities. There are many more. With a large global audience of live and virtual participants **the opportunities are endless.**