



Accelerating Decarbonization through Collaboration and Implementation

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Agenda

Moderator: Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer – Council on Energy Environment and Water.

Scene Setter: Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency

1) Industrial decarbonization

In the first segment on industrial decarbonization, various governments and institutions will showcase policy examples and interventions to highlight their commitment to industrial decarbonization in alignment with the Paris Agreement's objectives.

- **Canada:** H.E. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- **European Union:** H.E. Maros Sefcovic, European Commission Vice President for the European Green Deal
- **Republic of Korea:** H.E. Wha-jin Han, Minister of Environment
- **United Kingdom:** HE. Graham Stuart, Minister of State Energy Security and Net Zero
- **Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero:** Dr. Mark Carney Co-Chair, Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance

2) “Super charging” global battery storage deployment

This session highlights coordinated efforts to overcome barriers and prioritize global-scale battery storage deployment, uniting stakeholders to accelerate this essential technology. Battery storage is vital for integrating renewables, enhancing grid flexibility, resilience, and affordable off-grid energy.

- **Clean Energy Ministerial:** M. Jean Francois Gagne, Head of the Secretariat
- **Australia:** H.E. Jenny Mc Allister, Assistant Minister for Climate

3) Development of Voluntary Guidelines for the Critical Energy Transition Minerals Business

This session seeks political support to build trust in energy transition mineral supply chains and launch an UN-led effort to create voluntary principles. These minerals are vital for the shift from fossil fuels to renewables, but existing initiatives lack a global framework to address sourcing and policy coordination.

- **Bloomberg Philanthropies:** M. Michael Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Solutions
- **Indonesia:** H.E. Dr. Nani Hendiarti, Deputy Coordinating Minister for Forestry and Environmental Management
- **Namibia:** H.E. Tom Alweendo, Minister of Mines and Energy
- **Brazil:** H.E. Marina Silva, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- **Power Shift Africa:** M. Mohamed Adow, Director
- **European Investment Bank:** Dr. Werner Hoyer, President

4) Wrap up and way forward by the Moderator