



Global Energy Interconnection  
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全球能源互联网发展合作组织



# **Concept Note**

## **Advancing Energy Transition in the Global South: Fostering Sustainable Economic Growth and Building Strategic Partnerships (Second Session)**

### **Organizer**

Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation  
Organization (GEIDCO)

### **Co-organizers**

UN-SDSN

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 13:15-14:30  
Conference Room3, UN headquarters, NEW York**

## Event Description

To advance the SDG agenda and comprehensively achieve SDG 7, which focuses on ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all, the global energy transition must be mobilized through inclusive, equitable, and region-specific strategies that prioritize economic growth, collaboration, and investment in clean energy infrastructure.

## Highlights

This **75-minute event** will focus on the current landscape of clean energy development in the Global South and foster productive dialogue around the challenges and opportunities that are faced. It will convene a multi-disciplinary cohort of leaders from government, academia, and civil society to discuss key themes of:

- How to create *lasting, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth* in the region through clean energy development,
- How to create *full and productive employment opportunities*, and
- How to *strengthen cooperation between regional and international partners*.

## Program Structure

### **1:15 PM - 1:25 PM | Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Introductory statements by representatives of the co-convening organizations, outlining the objectives of the event and situating it in the broader context of the HLPF and the SDG timeline.

### **1:25 PM - 1:50 PM | Armchair Discussion**

Through a technical armchair discussion, this segment will detail opportunities and challenges for a comprehensive energy system transformation in the Global South.

### **1:50 PM - 2:15 PM | Panel Discussion**

This moderated panel will feature senior representatives from Permanent Missions, UN bodies, science organizations, and implementation actors. It will focus on both the current state of the energy transition in the Global South and how advancing the energy transition can foster economic growth. Panelists to be announced.

### **2:15 PM - 2:25 PM | Audience Q&A**

This segment will be an opportunity for the audience to share questions with the panelists and reflections from the session.

### **2:25 PM - 2:30 PM | Closing Remarks**

Brief closing remarks from the co-conveners or other high-level representatives will highlight pathways for continued collaboration, future

opportunities for advancing the energy transition in the Global South, and alignment with the SDG agenda.