



## **Accelerating Decarbonization through Collaboration and Implementation**

**20 September 2023, 4:00-5:15pm**

**ECOSOC Chamber United Nations Headquarters, New York**

### **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**