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Public consultation on UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities

Launch of New Portal for Written Submissions from Individuals and Groups about how to hold non-state of entities accountable for net zero pledges and deliver immediate climate action

Expert Group to hold Public Webinar on Wednesday 29 June; registration required, questions welcome

NEW YORK, 27 June 2022 - The UN Secretary-General's High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities today invited any interested individual or group to contribute to its work by making written submissions through a new portal on the UN's climate action website.

The Group's Chair, Ms. Catherine McKenna, and several other Group members will also hold a global public webinar this week to launch the portal, provide an update on the Group's work and expected timelines for making recommendations to the Secretary-General, and respond to questions.

The webinar, to be hosted by the United Nations Foundation, will take place on **Wednesday, 29 June at 10 a.m. EST** (New York), and any interested individual, group, or member of the press is welcome to attend by registering [here](#). The webinar will also be livestreamed on [YouTube](#), and viewable on-demand after the event.

Attendees will be welcome to ask questions in writing during the webinar using the chat function of the webinar platform, or before the webinar when registering. The members of the Group and the Secretariat will answer as many questions as possible during the webinar.

"Despite the growing number of net-zero pledges, global emissions are at an all-time high and they continue to rise. A net-zero commitment is not a get out of jail free card. To avert a climate catastrophe, we need bold pledges but matched by concrete, measurable action now," Ms. McKenna said.

"Tougher net-zero standards and strengthened accountability and transparency around the implementation of these commitments can deliver more ambition and real and immediate emissions cuts. And that is what the world needs now."



The [new portal for written submissions](#) will be open from 29 June to 31 August 2022. Inputs will be accepted around the four areas based on the [Terms of Reference](#) in any of the six [official UN languages](#).

1. 1.5 C degrees alignment: standards and definitions of net-zero;
2. Short-term interim targets, transition plans, measurement and reporting: credibility criteria;
3. Governance of targets: verification and transparency;
4. Pathway to regulation: standards and criteria in the context of a Just Transition.

Written submissions are a key means of sharing information and perspectives, building understanding, and helping advance the work of the Group in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner.

The purpose of these consultation measures is to help gather the widest possible range of inputs and perspectives, to underpin the Group's work in developing stronger and clearer standards for net-zero emissions pledges by non-State entities – including businesses, investors, cities and regions – and speed up their implementation.

By submitting input through the form, contributors give the United Nations permission to use and publish any part of their submission.

The Group thanks the United Nations Foundation for support in hosting its public webinar.

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