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Context

The International Vienna Energy and Climate Forum is a solutions platform to accelerate low-emission, climate-resilient development around the world. The Forum highlights the action-oriented steps required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, helping to forge an inclusive pathway that leaves no one behind. The Forum is co-organized by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA) and the Government of Austria. The solutions platform facilitates multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder and inter-disciplinary dialogue to advance sustainable energy development while promoting inclusiveness and the empowerment of women and youth engagement.

Youth Solutions Days, designed by and for youth, in partnership with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll), WU Vienna and the City of Vienna brings together young people to discuss, learn and build capacity through action-packed three-day agenda. Most of all, it meaningfully engages youth in the Forum.

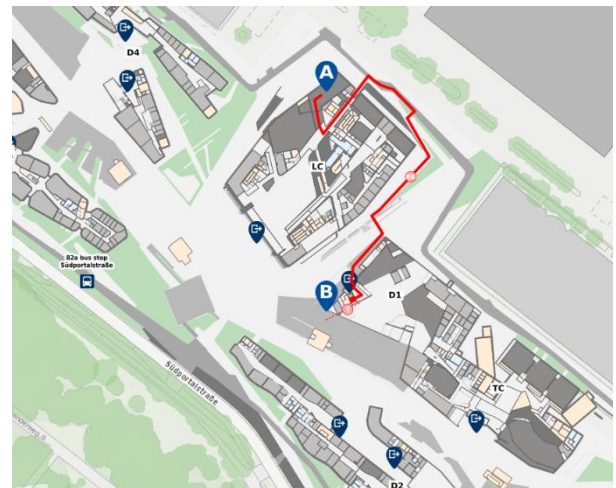
Workshop: Value Chain of SDG - INNOVATION

Date: October 30th, 2023

Time: 16:30 – 18:30

Location: D1.1.074 (conference room)
at WU (Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Wien)

[Campus Maps](#)



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Background

Innovation and the SDGs are intertwined elements that hold the key to a brighter, more sustainable future. Innovation, whether in technology, business models, or social initiatives, provides the creative fuel needed to address the complex challenges outlined in the SDGs. It enables us to rethink and redesign systems, products, and services, making them more efficient and impactful. Embracing innovation means finding new, more effective ways to tackle poverty, inequality, climate change, and other global issues. By fostering a culture of innovation and encouraging cross-sector collaboration, we can unlock the potential of these goals and work together towards a world that is equitable, environmentally responsible, and prosperous for all. In this workshop, participants will engage in discussions on the role of entrepreneurship, innovation, and the obstacles that need to be overcome, while developing a policy roadmap to encourage more innovative value chains.

Objectives

During this workshop, participants are tasked with finding innovative **solutions for advancing green industrialization and sustainable energy value chains.**

- Identify: What are barriers, problems, opportunities, threats.
- Analyze: What are the reasons for these barriers, is there a broader connection to related problems? Also think about how this topic affects you (the participant) on a personal level and as a group. Where do you see your role in the solution of this problem?
- Provide solutions: Formulate **Call to action** statement (1-2 pages) to be presented at the IVECF.

The role of facilitators is (a) to offer expert insight (b) to guide and moderate the workshop with the objective to develop a call for action by youth delegates to policy makers.



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Agenda

You are free to coordinate and decide on the design of the workshop, but we recommend reserving approximately 30 minutes to draft the call to action.

- **Introduction of the workshop (15 min)** | 16:00 – 16:15 CEST
- **Work package (60 min)** | 16:15 – 17:15 CEST
 - Innovation and its importance for achieving the SDGs
 - Working on the workshop objectives
- **Formulation of a “Call to action” statement (30 min)** | 17:15 – 17:45 CEST
- **Presentation of the Call to action (15 min)** | 17:45 – 18:00 CEST

Expected outcomes

The participants of the workshop are expected to provide innovative solutions for advancing green industrialization and sustainable energy value chains, as well as communicate their own perspective and connection to this topic. Please select one participant to present the **Call to action** you have jointly formulated at the end of the workshop.

Recommended Reading and Preparatory Materials

[THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT](#)

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