

Renewable Energy SMEs in the Race to Zero

A closed-door workshop with the COP26 Climate Champions and SME Climate Hub on Tuesday 18 May 2021

In collaboration with the [COP26 Climate Champions team](#) and [SME Climate Hub](#), a group of renewable industry associations ([Global Wind Energy Council](#), [Global Solar Council](#), [International Geothermal Association](#) and [International Hydropower Association](#)) is supporting renewable small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to join the [UN Race to Zero campaign!](#)

We are pleased to invite a representative of your company to participate in a closed-door workshop on "Renewable Energy SMEs in the Race to Zero" on Tuesday 18 May 2021, and learn how to join the global race to a carbon-neutral world by 2050.

The SME Climate Hub, an initiative of the [International Chamber of Commerce](#), the [Exponential Roadmap Initiative](#), the [We Mean Business coalition](#) and the UN Race to Zero campaign, is a pioneering platform that aims to streamline the path for SMEs to become climate-resilient businesses and help green solutions get to market.

The SME Climate Hub will allow your small business to:

- Make an internationally recognised climate commitment that meets the UN net zero criteria;
- Access practical tools and resources to help you future-proof your business; and
- Benefit from incentives with commercial value.

Who should join this workshop?

- SMEs of less than 500 employees globally in the wind, solar and renewables sector
- SMEs interested in making a net-zero commitment, and seeking further resources and support
- SMEs intent on making a net-zero commitment, and seeking to maximise visibility and communications opportunities

Agenda

Tuesday 18 May

800-915 EST / 1300-1415 GMT / 1400-1515 CET / 2100-2215 SGT

Opening remarks (13 minutes):

- Welcome and introductions – Emerson Clarke, Director of Growth and Partnerships, GWEC
- "Why join the Race to Zero?" – Fiona Macklin, Race to Zero Campaign Coordinator, Climate Champions
- "Race to Zero Breakthroughs in the Clean Power Sector" – Karl Zammit-Maempel, Energy lead, Climate Champions

Presentation (20 minutes):

- "How to join the Race: Introducing SME Climate Hub and Tools" – SME Climate Hub represented by Johan Falk, Head, Exponential Roadmap, and Kristian Rönn, CEO, Normative.io

Discussion (20 minutes in breakout rooms):

- Wind SMEs – facilitated by Joyce Lee, Head of Policy and Projects, GWEC, with case study from Megan Arnold and Coco Davis, Enterprize Energy
- Solar SMEs – facilitated by Máté Heisz, Chair, Global Solar Council, with case study
- Geothermal and Hydropower SMEs – facilitated by Marit Brommer, Executive Director, IGA and Cristina Diez, Senior Hydropower Sector Analyst, IHA, with case study from Getech

Q&A, with UN Climate Champions and SME Climate Hub (15 minutes)

Closing remarks from GSC and GWEC (5 minutes)

How do I join the workshop?

If you would like to join, please appoint one representative of your company to register at [this link](#) by Monday 17 May 2021. We note that this workshop will be delivered in English and recorded (excluding breakout sessions) for those SME members which cannot join at this time.

Why make a commitment?

Our shared objective is to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonised economy ahead of COP26, where governments and non-state actors must strengthen their contributions to the global net-zero by 2050 target. Strong, coordinated actions across the SMEs in the renewables sector will send a resounding signal that business, cities, regions and investors are united in meeting the Paris goals and creating a more inclusive and resilient economy.

How do I make a commitment?

SMEs will be supported and encouraged to make the internationally recognised SME Climate Commitment, access practical tools and resources to measure and curb emissions and unlock valuable commercial incentives.

Further tools and resources are available at [this link](#), including a slide pack and FAQ on the SME Climate Hub in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

What happens if my company makes a commitment to SME Climate Hub?



Commit by 1 May

Your company may be invited to share your experience in a breakout session of the workshop, and will be featured in a follow-up social media/blog post from the Race to Zero and SME Climate Hub team.

COP 26



Commit by 1 August

Your company will be invited to participate in a group announcement led by the UN Race to Zero campaign and highlighting decarbonisation commitments from the renewable energy community.

COP 26



Commit by 1 November

In addition to the above, your company will receive social media visibility, featured articles on the Race to Zero website, opportunity to partake in headline events at COP and a supportive, collaborative ecosystem.

COP 26



Please [register here](#) by Monday 17 May 2021. We are looking forward to engaging with you at this workshop in May, and accelerating the Race to Zero as a renewables sector.

This workshop is organised in collaboration with:

