

# **Workshop Information Form YSD**

#### 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 bult capacity though action-packed three-day agenda. Most of all, it meaningfully engages youth in the Forum.

# Clean Cooking Workshop

**Date**: 31.10.2023

Time: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Location: CR6

### Background

In the realm of today's rapidly changing global landscape, the urgent interplay between climate, energy, and their impacts commands the utmost focus. Despite progress, challenges remain, notably in achieving widespread clean cooking access. The latest data reveals a reduction in the global population without clean cooking access, decreasing from 2.9 billion in 2010 to 2.3 billion in 2021. However, the ambition of universal access by 2030 remains uncertain, with an estimated 1.9 billion people still lacking access by that year. Current trends indicate that the majority of those without access will be in Sub-Saharan Africa. Rising energy costs pose an additional challenge, which may force approximately 100 million individuals who had transitioned to clean cooking to revert to traditional biomass use. To combat this,















integrating clean cooking into wider energy planning, enhancing affordability, and improving delivery methods are pivotal policy actions. Roughly 8 Billion USD per year is needed to further propel the journey towards making clean cooking a reality for all, addressing critical health, environmental, and societal concerns.

In Sub-Saharan Africa and many other regions, traditional cooking methods relying on inefficient fuel sources have persisted, perpetuating indoor air pollution and compromising health outcomes. This issue resonates particularly with women and girls who, in various communities, bear the primary responsibility for cooking and fuel collection as the latest statistics show that the lack of clean cooking contributes to 3.7 million premature deaths annually, with women and children most at risk. The prolonged time spent on these activities not only curtails their potential for education and income generation but also perpetuates gender imbalances.

By addressing the intricacies of clean cooking, we can unravel a tapestry of challenges. Transitioning to cleaner cooking solutions not only mitigates indoor air pollution and its associated health risks but also creates significant free time for women and girls, enabling their fuller participation in education, economic activities, and community life.

The forthcoming Clean Cooking Workshop during the Youth Solution Days at the International Vienna Energy and Climate Forum is co-organized by SEforALL and the Clean Cooking Alliance, and represents a crucial platform for addressing these issues. Through informative sessions and collaborative discourse, this workshop aims to amplify awareness regarding clean cooking's significance. By equipping young participants with knowledge about efficient cooking technologies, sustainable fuel sources, and their cross-cutting impact on health, gender equality, and climate, the workshop seeks to inspire meaningful action. Youth will explore key questions surrounding the challenges, solutions and opportunities within the clean cooking sector, as well as their role in closing this critical gap.

### **Objectives**

Explain what the workshop participants should come up with, during the workshop.

The example below is obviously just a reference, please design the workshop in a way that you think provides the highest value to the participants. The only part that is mandatory, is the "provide a key message" at the end of the workshop.

- **Identify and understand:** the significance of clean cooking in the context of climate change and energy sustainability, the existing barriers and challenges hindering the widespread adoption of clean cooking technologies; and the opportunities such as carbon finance.
- Analyze: What are the reasons for these barriers, is there a broader connection to related problems? What is the role of young individuals in advocating for and











implementing clean cooking solutions?

Provide solutions: The workshop will ultimately aim to utilize the breakout sessions
to generate tangible recommendations for how youth can engage with and contribute
to the growth of the clean cooking sector, by fostering collaboration and interaction
between young participants and established energy sector leaders. Participants will
work within 5 themed working groups to develop recommendations for key issues
within the clean cooking space. Recommendations will be compiled and a key message
or call to action developed at the end of the workshop.







## Agenda

- *Introduction of the workshop* (20 min) | 9:00 – 10:20 CEST

- Work package (40 min) | 10:25 – 11:05 CEST

5 breakout themed breakout groups exploring clean cooking through the lens of:

o Gender-Inclusivity and representation

- o Financial support and capacity building
- o Education and mentorship
- o Technology and Social Media
- o Rural and remote challenges/ geographies

- Discussion and formulation of a key message (20 min) | 11:08 - 11:28 CEST

- Closing (2 min) | 11:28 – 11:30 CEST

### **Expected outcomes**

Ultimately, among other outcomes, the participants need to come up with one key message or a call to action, one key message that needs to be brought to the International Vienna Energy Forum in the context of one of the themes:

• Solutions for energy systems transformation – The key message will be framed within the context of this theme









# Recommended Reading and Preparatory Materials

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