

Dear Mr Mark Smith,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the twelfth session of the Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and related meetings, to be held from 14 to 16 January 2022 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The IRENA Assembly has been recognized as a strategic global platform for inclusive and diverse discussions on all facets of the energy transition, with the participation and contribution of high-level energy decision-makers from over 180 States, multilateral organizations and private actors. Under the overarching theme of 'Energy Transition: From Commitment to Action', the twelfth session of the Assembly will address concrete steps to shift the energy transition to the next level in the coming decade and accelerate actions at the speed necessitated by climate, energy and development imperatives.

In this regard, I would like to specifically invite you to participate in the Ministerial meeting on '*Renewable Energy for Adaptation: A Water-Energy-Food Nexus Perspective*' scheduled on 14 January 2022 from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. This Ministerial meeting aims to engage ministers and heads of organizations in discussing the adaptation benefits of renewable energy, with a specific focus on the linkages with the agriculture and water sectors. It will be an opportunity for IRENA members and other organizations to showcase renewables-linked adaptation initiatives, share best practices and lessons, and discuss measures to attract financing for such solutions. The Ministerial aims to strengthen the link between the energy transition and climate action across sectors, and the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Excellency, shifting to an energy path aligned with our shared goals and expediting widespread and far-reaching change has become a global duty. I would like to reaffirm my commitment to strengthening international collaboration and ensuring that IRENA is best able to support the path towards the new energy era through the recognition of local, regional and global realities.

To that end, I look forward to welcoming you to the IRENA Assembly in January. Your valuable contribution, together with other global energy leaders, to the twelfth IRENA Assembly and related meetings will further our collective ambition, accelerate actions to achieve just, equitable, inclusive and resilient energy transitions worldwide, and ultimately bring our people and planet towards shared prosperity.

The session concept note, along with the overall information on the Assembly will be shared along with all official session documentation in due course. Please confirm your participation by 5 December 2021. Should you or your team need additional information, Mr. Divyam Nagpal at DNagpal@irena.org stands ready to provide more information to you on this event, as well as on your engagement.

Yours sincerely,



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