

## **Creating the Energy Future Forum: Youth Engagement at the Global Clean Energy Action Forum**

### *Introducing CEFF:*

Regardless of the investments we make in clean technology, we cannot meet our energy and climate goals without our most important investment – human capital. We are already experiencing workforce shortages today, and will certainly do so tomorrow as we rapidly expand clean energy deployment if we don't immediately begin building the energy workforce of the future. In addition, there are young people all over the world that are ambitious, passionate and have a vision and diverse views that can only strengthen the clean energy transition. For all these reasons, our priority is to create opportunities for future clean energy leaders to actively engage in the Global Clean Energy Action Forum (GCEAF). In September, we will launch the first ever Creating the Energy Future Forum (CEFF) – a new youth engagement track. CEFF seeks to bring young professionals together with decision-makers in industry, government and civil society to share solutions and explore how young professionals can be part of the clean energy revolution, including by strengthening youth participation in the work of Mission Innovation and the Clean Energy Ministerial. CEFF will be comprised of a youth delegation to the GCEAF as well as a series of CEFF side events at the U.S. Department of Energy hosted GCEAF in Pittsburgh this September.

### *CEFF Side Events:*

CEFF side events at the GCEAF will target youth participation within the clean energy field, and will be open to all registrants. The CEFF Planning Team is developing several CEFF events (such as a policy hackathon and youth plenary session) but welcomes additional proposals for youth-centered programming. **If you would like to submit a proposal for a CEFF event you may do so through the standard GCEAF Side Event Application.** Please note within your application that your proposal should be designated as a CEFF event. The GCEAF Side Event Guidance and Application can be found at the link below. **The deadline for CEFF Side Event applications is June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**

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### *CEFF Delegation:*

To ensure that CEFF is representative of the broad and diverse international community, the CEFF Planning Team will be working in collaboration with Student Energy to bring in youth delegates from across CEM and MI member nations. CEFF delegates will be students and early career professionals with a demonstrated interest in clean energy. Applications will open later this month for the CEFF delegation. Those selected for participation in the CEFF youth delegation will have their registration and travel logistics to GCEAF handled by Student Energy. **Application information will be distributed when the application period has opened.**

If you have any questions regarding CEFF Event applications please contact Noah Thompson ([noah.thompson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:noah.thompson@hq.doe.gov)) or Leah Bordlee ([leah.bordlee@hq.doe.gov](mailto:leah.bordlee@hq.doe.gov)) at US Department of Energy. Any questions regarding details on CEFF Delegation participation should be directed to Helen Watts ([helen@studentenergy.org](mailto:helen@studentenergy.org)) at Student Energy.