



# HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2023 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) | 10–19 Jul 2023 | United Nations Headquarters

**Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania,**

**Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations in New York,**

and the **Lithuanian Development Cooperation Platform**, with the help of supporting global partners, invite you to the HLPF side event

## Promoting renewable energy schemes for energy security and climate action: lessons from Lithuania

Monday, July 17, 2023 | 18:30-20:00 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

760 United Nations Plaza, Manhattan, New York City | **Conference Room C**

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### **Background**

In its 2022 country [report](#), the International Energy Agency notes: "A unique feature of Lithuania's market relates to the fast increase of prosumers, who should reach 30% of the total electricity consumers by 2030."

Imagine one in three households producing and consuming their own electricity from Sun, just 7 years from now! And one in two by the mid-century. Yes, it is a feasible Lithuanian Government plan, supported by a wide range of non-profit and industry actors. For a country that imports two-thirds of its electricity, a policy that combined energy security and climate action was needed. Local electricity generation is critical, and active citizen involvement is crucially important.

In 2019, the launch of the solar energy prosumers' ("producing consumers") scheme created a vibrant ecosystem of manufacturers, providers, consultants, developers, and even NGO collective solar purchase initiatives. Opening the grid to remote solar photovoltaic plant ownership led to a 16-fold increase in numbers of producing consumers since then. The scheme to provide financial support for the most vulnerable households was also tested in 2020-2021, providing a blueprint for further actions against energy poverty.



### Programme:

We will present Lithuanian achievements and the remaining challenges ahead during the side event. How did Lithuanian state actors embrace collaboration with energy system stakeholders and civil society to combine climate action with the drive to 'fast-forward' energy security needs? How has this led to prioritizing support for innovative renewable energy schemes that meet specific social and environmental criteria, such as the inclusion of energy-poor households, the empowerment of local communities, and the creation of a vibrant solar energy industrial ecosystem?

During the roundtable discussion, we will ask our guest experts what future they see for decentralized electricity generation in specific local circumstances.

Of particular importance, interlinkages among SDGs 1, 7, 11, 13 and 17 will be exposed during the debate, learning from the lessons of the Lithuanian case.

18:30	Opening of the event
18:30-18:50	<b>Introduction. Multiple social innovations at play: how a state-of-the-art solar electricity nation-wide scheme was conceived and implemented in Lithuania.</b> <b>Kęstutis Kupšys,</b> Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Representative of the Lithuanian Development Cooperation Platform
18:50-19:00	<b>Role of consumers' self-produced electricity in the context of energy security and climate change mitigation policies.</b> <b>Simonas Gentvilas,</b> Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
19:00-19:40	An expert panel discussion, moderated by K. Kupšys: <b>How far can the Lithuanian model become scalable and replicable on a regional or global scale? What lessons can be drawn from the Lithuanian experience to propel citizen activism in energy self-production?</b> <b>Putheary Sin,</b> Executive Director of the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia, Council Member of Global Call to Action Against Poverty <b>Maria Nikolopoulou,</b> Representative of Confederación Sindical de Comisiones Obreras (Trade Union Confederation of Workers' Commissions, Spain) to the EESC <b>Martina M. Kabisama,</b> National Coordinator at the SAHRiNGON Tanzania Chapter <b>Daphany Rose Sanchez,</b> Executive Director at Kinetic Communities Consulting, NY <b>Piyush Verma,</b> Senior Governance Expert – Energy, United Nations Development Programme
19:40-20:00	<b>Questions and Answers</b> (in the room and over Slido: <a href="#">#RenewableEnergyLT</a> )
20:00	Closing of the event



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Working language of the event: English (no translation to other languages foreseen)

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