



Sustainable Energy Transition: The Rhetorics and Realities

In recent decades, sustainable energy transition has become everything in our headspace. From school lessons to scientific research and even political promises, sustainability has mainstreamed as a buzzword, leaning on the 2015 Paris agreement on climate change. The 2015 international treaty provides a framework for energy transition and is touted as the next development frontier in the media space especially amplified on social media. The public can easily get lost in the drone of information about what seems “noble” and “achievable” except they are perhaps displaced from the challenging confines bedeviled with ushering in sustainable transition. The question persists of whether we are doing enough to reduce our carbon footprints? Is the current happening in the real world far away from fanciful energy transition graphs and analyses? How much of the news, goals and promises are feasible? Is solar energy carbon-neutral? How ‘green’ is green hydrogen? Can climate goals and plants of coals go hand-in-hand?

The list of such questions¹ is exhaustive and can include technical, technological, material, economic, legal, institutional, political, societal, ethical and moral dimensions. This conference will filter out the noise in energy transition discourse and present energy enthusiasts with the hard reality of the current situation. The interdisciplinary panelist will examine how the rhetorics of sustainable energy transition are perceived with a view to formulating a clearer vision and commitment.

¹For some background information, see the following source [Article 1](#), [Article 2](#), [Article 3](#), [Article 4](#)

About the Organisation

Young Energy Specialists and Development Co-operation (YES-DC) is an association for young professionals and students in the energy and development co-operation fields established in 1994. The members work within local and international companies, government bodies, universities, research institutions, and NGOs. YES-DC aim to expand the network of young professionals and spread awareness about clean and sustainable energy by shedding light on contemporary development in this field from science and business level both nationally and internationally.

Process & Key Dates

The conference is organised by YES-DC as a knowledge-sharing and networking opportunity. It aims to provide its members of young professionals and/or students interested with an opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the field of energy and development co-operations.

Venue

Aula B, International Institute of Social Studies, Kortenaerkade 12, 2518 AX Den Haag

Date

27 October 2022

Time

18:30