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## NEWS AND OPINIONS

### Announcement of Division Finalists for the 2024 ISETS-ESCAP Youth Voice Competition

On September 14<sup>th</sup> 2024, the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS), in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), was thrilled to announce the successful completion of the preliminary round of the 2024 ISETS-ESCAP Youth Voice Competition! This year's competition saw participation from 77 teams across 37 countries, with nearly 300 participants, including mentors and supervisors, contributing to this global event. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants for their remarkable enthusiasm and commitment to advancing the global energy transition.

To ensure fair regional representation, teams were divided into five divisions: Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Africa, and Mixed Regions and Others.

The top 30% of teams from each division advanced to the division finals, with 24 teams making the shortlist. The division breakdown is as follows:

- Northeast Asia: 32 participating teams, 10 shortlisted
- Southeast Asia: 14 participating teams, 4 shortlisted
- South Asia: 8 participating teams, 3 shortlisted
- Africa: 13 participating teams, 4 shortlisted
- Mixed Regions & Others: 10 participating teams, 3 shortlisted

The shortlisted teams were invited to prepare a video presentation (all of which are available at <https://www.youtube.com/@isets2020>), contributing up to 15 additional points to their final scores. The first-prize winners from each division will move on to the Global Competition, which will be hosted by the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (SWUFE) in Chengdu, China, from November 28-30. The event will be organized by the School of Public Administration, whose faculty and students are eager to welcome participants and ensure they enjoy their time at SWUFE and in Chengdu.

All global finalists will also be invited to take part in the prestigious Youth Dialogue at the UN ESCAP Headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, during the International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development from December 2-4, 2024.

For more information, visit ISETS Youth Voice Website or contact us at [isets@isets.org](mailto:isets@isets.org).



## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### The 7th High-level Forum on Carbon Neutrality and Climate Finance was successfully held at Beijing University of Chemical Technology

On September 21, 2024, the 7th High-level Forum on Carbon Neutrality and Climate Finance was successfully held at Beijing University of Chemical Technology. The theme of this forum is "Carbon Risk and Corporate Finance". The forum was sponsored by the Energy Finance Committee of ISETS and the Society for the Studies of Climate Finance, hosted by the School of Economics and Management, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, and co-organized by the China Institute of Industrial Carbon Neutrality, Beijing University of Chemical Technology.

Professor Qu Yan, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Beijing University of Chemical Technology, and Professor Ji Qiang, Deputy Director General of the Society for the Studies of Climate Finance, attended the forum and delivered a speech. Professor Fan Ying, Dean of School of Economics and Management, Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Professor Yang Cuihong, Deputy Dean of Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Professor Dong Zhanfeng, Director of Policy Research Institute of Environmental Planning Institute, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, and Professor Tang Renhu, Chairman of Beijing Zhongchuang Carbon Investment Technology Co., LTD., gave a report on the conference. Professor Li Bin, Dean of the School of Economics and Management, presided over the opening ceremony.





## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### The Inaugural Australia-China Energy Transition Forum & the 15<sup>th</sup> ISETS Energy Transition Forum

Host: University of Technology Sydney (UTS); International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS)

Organizers: Australia-China Relations Institute, UTS; Faculty of Engineering and IT, UTS.

The Australia-China Energy Transition Forum (ACETF) aims to become the leading platform for fostering dialogue and cooperation on energy, resources, and climate change issues between Australia and China. Through open and constructive discussions, the Forum strives to facilitate mutual understanding, collaboration, and share solutions between the two countries.

ACETF and the 15<sup>th</sup> ISETS Energy Transition Forum brought together key stakeholders to foster international cooperation in the rapidly evolving landscape of electric vehicles (EVs). Held on August 1, 2024, under the theme “Electrifying Tomorrow: Advancing Cooperation in the Industrial Chain of Electric Vehicles,” this forum was a landmark event co-hosted by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS).

Key Messages from the Forum: Australia’s Value-Added Opportunities; Partnership and Collaboration; Investment Regulations and Political Climate; Building Regional Ecosystems; Continuous Dialogue



### President Sun Xiansheng's Dialogue with Liu Zhenmin — China's Special Envoy for Climate Change: Firm Commitment to Global Efforts in Addressing Climate Change Challenges

Energy Golden Microphone High-end Interview invites President Sun Xiansheng as the host. The first dialogue guest is Liu Zhenmin, China's Special Envoy for Climate Change.

Liu Zhenmin pointed out that in the early 1990s, humanity entered an era of economic globalization, which also marked the beginning of efforts to address climate change. Initially, the task of combating climate change was not so urgent, but after the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, and the 2015 Paris Agreement, it has become clear that human actions have fallen far behind scientists' assessments of the urgency of climate change. Therefore, achieving the temperature control targets set by the Paris Agreement faces significant pressure.

Green is the foundation of high-quality development. As the world's second-largest economy, the largest emitter of greenhouse gases, a major manufacturing country, and the largest exporter of goods, China must achieve a green transition in the process of advancing its modernization. Failure to do so will lead to many problems and will not align with the Central Committee's requirements for building a beautiful China and realizing ecological civilization.

The energy sector is concerned about what the future modern energy system will look like. Currently, over 80% of global energy consumption still comes from fossil fuels—coal, oil, and gas—and China is no exception. The guidelines propose that by 2030, the proportion of non-fossil energy consumption should reach 25%, which is a significant step forward, but it merely lays the foundation for future energy transformation.





## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### The Second ISETS International Conference

**November 1-4, 2024, Nanjing, China**

The International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS) kindly reminds you that the deadline for submissions to the 2nd ISETS 2024 International Conference is June 30, 2024. This prestigious event, hosted by Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics (NUAA) in Nanjing, China, will take place from November 1-4, 2024.

The conference features several dedicated sub-sessions, focusing on topics such as just transition, renewable energy transitions in Asia and Europe, retrofitting old vehicles for electrification, collaboration in the green hydrogen value chain, and future development paths for coal power plants. Discussion participants include representatives from academia, industry, and non-governmental organizations, covering the latest research findings and practical experiences in energy policy, climate governance, and sustainable development. These sessions provided attendees with opportunities for extensive knowledge sharing and collaboration, driving real-world action and innovation in global energy transition efforts.

Special issues for the conference:

- Energy Economics (SSCI, JCR Q1, ABS 3, ABDC A\*): "Navigating Uncertainties towards Just Energy Transitions"
- Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews (SCIE, JCR Q1): "Multidisciplinary and Multi-stakeholder Approaches to Just, Inclusive and Sustainable Energy Futures"
- China & World Economy (SSCI, JCR Q2): "China's Role in Global Energy Transition and Climate Finance"
- Energy For Sustainable Development (SCIE, JCR Q2): "Electric Mobility in Developing Countries: Feasibility, Challenges and Sustainability"
- Resources Policy (SSCI, JCR Q1, ABS 2): "Special Issue on Mobilizing Private Investments in Mineral and Fossil Fuel Resources in the Post-COP28 Era"
- Mineral Economics (ESCI, JCR Q2): "Minerals in the Energy Transition: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development"
- Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy (SSCI): "How Green is the Belt and Road Initiative?"

Papers submitted to the conference have the opportunity to be published in one of the special issues (SIs). You are welcome to indicate your preferred SI during submission.

Conference: 1-4 November 2024

Full paper submission deadline (for publication in special issues): 31 December 2024

### Call for papers for the 8<sup>th</sup> High-level Forum on Carbon Neutrality and Climate Finance

With the frequent occurrence of extreme climate events and the intensification of climate change around the world, climate risks have become increasingly prominent, exerting far-reaching impacts on economic and social development and the stability of the financial system. Climate change shocks are highly uncertain, leading to a sharp rise in climate physical risks and transitional risks, affecting the stability of the financial system through multiple channels. How micro-enterprises, financial institutions and policy makers identify, assess and manage these climate risks is of great value and practical significance for maintaining the stability and adaptability of the financial system. The discussion of climate risk and financial stability under the strategy of financial power has become the focus of most scholars.

For a broader and more in-depth discussion of this issue, it was co-sponsored by the Energy Finance Committee of ISETS and the Society for the Studies of Climate Finance, and hosted by the School of Finance, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics. Co-organized by the Carbon Finance Research Center of Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics and Jiangxi Financial Development and Risk Prevention Research Center, the 8<sup>th</sup> High-level Forum on Carbon Neutrality and Climate Finance will be held in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province on October 20, 2024.

The forum will focus on topics related to climate risk and financial stability, and invite experts, scholars and professionals from all sectors to contribute to the forum. There is no registration fee; transportation and accommodation will not be provided.

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## About ISETS

ISETS is an independent, non-profit, global organisation headquartered in Sydney, Australia. ISETS is open to anyone who is interested. Registration (at [www.isets.org](http://www.isets.org)) as Associate Member is free permanently. Currently, ISETS has more than 1600 members from 80 countries.

ISETS dedicates to facilitating a just, equitable and inclusive transition of energy and relevant sectors toward a sustainable low-carbon future with consideration of economic development, social equity, and environmental stewardship through international partnerships.

ISETS creates a global dialogue platform to discuss, share and disseminate knowledge on the energy transition for professionals from government, industry, academia, research institutes and other organizations across countries.

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