

# STUDENT ENERGY SUMMIT 2023 ESSAY CONTEST

## CONCEPT NOTE

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### About the competition

The Student Energy Summit 2023, in partnership with Cleary Gottlieb, a global law firm at the forefront of legal, regulatory, and policy developments regarding sustainability, is pleased to announce the launch of an essay competition focused on the theme **Reimagining the Future**. Participants are asked to submit an essay on one of the following topics of their choice:



**SES 2023**

STUDENT ENERGY SUMMIT  
مؤتمر الطاقة الطلابي

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## REIMAGINING THE FUTURE:

### 1. REIMAGINING PROGRESS: CLIMATE TARGETS:

To what extent should legislative and regulatory frameworks be the primary drivers in meeting climate-linked energy targets, both setting targets and ensuring/monitoring compliance with them? What role should the private sector play in this respect?

### 2. REIMAGINING COMMUNITIES: TOWARDS A GLOBALLY EQUITABLE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE:

How should policymakers in developed countries address energy demand management and energy usage practices as a means to achieve energy security and faster decarbonization of the energy mix?

### 3. REIMAGINING INDUSTRIES: THE CIRCULAR CARBON ECONOMY:

What role do carbon capture innovations have in overcoming the challenges to realizing the conceptual circular carbon economy and can appropriate standards and regulations accelerate their impact?

## AWARDS

Three winners of the essay contest will:

- Receive **fully-funded participation in the Student Energy Summit 2023** in Abu Dhabi in November 2023,
- Will be invited to **share their experience in the SES 2023 webinar series**.

The essays will be shared on SES 2023, SE, and Cleary Gottlieb channels and social media.

## Timeline

Date	Action
February 22	Contest announced at SPIREC 2023
April 19	Soft launch of the Essay Competition at the first webinar of the SES 2023 <i>Reimagining the Future of Energy</i> webinar series
May 8-10	The contest is re-announced and re-opens for submission at the World Utilities Congress
June 15	Shortlist of the applications by the SES 2023 team and Cleary Gottlieb team
July 15	Final scores by the jury
October (TBA)	Announcements of the results at SES 2023 October webinar
September	Session at the SDG7 Summit with virtual participation of winners of the competition

## PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

You can enter the contest by submitting your essay addressing the contest theme using [this form](#). Additionally, we encourage participants to share this information on Twitter or Instagram, using the hashtag **#SES2023EssayContest** and tagging Student Energy Summit 2023 (@ses.2023 on Instagram and @SES2023 on Twitter). Submissions must abide by the parameters listed in the below eligibility and rules section.

### ELIGIBILITY AND RULES:

- The youth essay contest will be open for submissions between May 8 - June 15, 2023. The deadline is June 15, 2023, at 23:59 Abu Dhabi time.
- The winner or winners will be announced by the Student Energy Summit team through SES social media channels. The number of winners (1-3) will be determined based on the number and quality of submissions.
- The organizers keep the right to cancel the award at any point after it is awarded if the essay is found to be in violation of copyrights or other rules of the contest.
- The competition is open to contestants 18-30 years old from all over the world.
- The essay entry must clearly and creatively address one of the above-mentioned themes within the parameters below.
- The essay should be submitted by uploading in the proper location on the submission form.
- Submissions are limited to one essay per individual.
- By submitting an essay to this contest, participants agree to grant Student Energy and Student Energy Summit 2023 the right to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entry in any media at any time.

## FORMAT OF THE ESSAY:

- The essay should be in English.
- A word count of approximately 2,000 words is expected, with a maximum of 4,000 words per submission (including citations).
- The essay should be submitted in APA style, following the APA format guidelines.
- Hand-written essays will not be accepted.
- Submissions depicting violence, sexism, racism, or containing content or images that could be considered abusive, inflammatory, denigrating, or disrespectful to any groups, individuals or institutions will be disqualified. Submissions must adhere to the norms of civil discourse and be suitable for a global public audience.
- By entering the youth essay contest, participants acknowledge and guarantee that the submitted essay is an original work created solely by the participant and that it does not infringe on plagiarism and the rights of privacy, publicity, or intellectual property rights of any person or entity.

## ESSAY SELECTION CRITERIA:

A selection committee made up of representatives from Student Energy Summit 2023 and Cleary Gottlieb will evaluate the submissions based on the following criteria:


- **Relevance to the theme:** the essay clearly and creatively represents the theme of **Reimagining the Future** through positive youth perspectives.
- **Originality and creativity:** The content is unique and not derivative of other ideas and presents the theme in an original and compelling way.
- **Potential impact:** The essay conveys insightful or aspirational thoughts that are inspiring to viewers and have the potential to be implemented by relevant stakeholders to advance the energy transition.

## SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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### CAPTION:

 Calling all young change-makers!

Do you have big ideas for a sustainable future? Join the SES 2023 essay contest and share your vision for a better tomorrow. Win a fully-funded trip to SES 2023 and showcase your ideas to a global audience. Choose from three thought-provoking themes and reimagine the future with your unique perspective. Don't miss out - submit your essay before June 15, 2023 on [SES2023.org/Essay](https://SES2023.org/Essay) and post it on social media using #SES2023EssayContest and tag @ses.2023 (Instagram) or @SES2023 (Twitter). Let's inspire positive change together! 🙌🌍

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