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Survey: solar cooker design

**Heliac is seeking input on solar cooker designs.** Provide your input for SCI’s newest Silver Level Organizational Associate by [taking this 5-minute survey](#) before Friday, 7 July 2017.

Advocacy News

The United Nations is where the world gathers. SCI’s advocacy team will work to include clean solar cooking solutions in the SDG Voluntary National Review (VNR) documents at the High Level Political Forum 10 – 19 July 2017 at United Nations, New York, US.

More than 40 nations are reviewing these documents that show progress toward achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Adopted in 2015, the global community is eager to begin seeing and measuring progress toward these 17 global development goals. **Twelve percent of global air pollution is caused by cooking fires**. This is the moment to provide the evidence to many nation leaders that solar cooking can help reduce global air pollution.

SCI’s advocacy plan includes seizing input opportunities to the VNRs, inputs through Major Groups, social media, media, networking and presenting at Side Events.

SCI’s advocacy team for this 11-day event will include SCI Global Advisor Dr. Mrs. Janak Palta McGilligan, SCI Science Director Dr. Alan Bigelow, SCI Executive Director Julie Greene, SCI board members Wyldon Fishman and Mike Paparian, and volunteer UN reps Ernestina Williams, Liliya Pinkasov, Jannis Jakob Buerger, Prabhat Supekar, Choudhury Ahmed, and P. A. Gallett. If you will be in New York 10 – 19 July 2017 and would like to be part of the advocacy team, contact [info@solarcookers.org](mailto:info@solarcookers.org).

Funding Opportunities
The Alliance has released the first Call for Concepts for its new grant facility – the Humanitarian Clean Cooking Fund (HCCF). With support from the Norwegian Agency for International Development, HCCF will provide two grants of up to USD $250,000 each for the scale up of projects working to increase access to cleaner, more efficient fuels and cooking technology for crisis-affected people. The call will be open until 21 July 2017. Interested partners may apply here. The Alliance will hold a webinar on 12 July 2017 to provide more information on HCCF and address frequently asked questions.

**Scholarship Opportunity**

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves will be providing travel support to a limited number of attendees as they have done for past meetings. To apply, please fill out this application by 1 August 2017.

**Education Opportunities**

Solar cooking in Latin America - webinar series in Spanish
SCI is partnering with 6th SCI World Conference 2017 presenters and travel fund recipients to the webinar series offered by several pioneering Latin American solar cooking organizations:

- Fénix Group in the webinar "The Solar Women of Totogalpa" – 6 July 2017
- Sazón del Sol and Solar Mexico in the webinar "Solar food processing in Mexico" – August 2017 (TBD)
- Intillimalli and Federico Santa María Technical University in the webinar "Solar Cookers in the Andean Region" – October 2017 (TBD)

Las sesiones contarán con la participación de diversas organizaciones pioneras en cocción solar dentro de Latinoamérica:

- Grupo Fénix en el webinar "Las Mujeres Solares de Totogalpa" – 6 Julio 2017
- La Sazón del Sol y Cocina Solar México en el webinar "Procesamiento solar de alimentos en México" - Agosto 2017
- Intillimalli y la Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa María en el webinar "Cocinas Solares en la Región Andina"- Octubre 2017

**Leadership opportunities**

**SCI seeks active partners**

There are many ways to engage with Solar Cookers International:
• SCI Associate (individual)
• SCI Associate (organizational level)
• Donor
• Volunteer
• Leadership (board member)
• Committee membership
• Leadership (SCI Global Advisory Council)
• NEW: Leadership (Young Professionals Advisory Council)

SCI is seeking a board member in the District of Columbia (Washington, DC) region of the US. For more information, and to receive an application, contact info@solarcookers.org.

Events

Solar 2017, American Solar Energy Society (ASES)
Solar Cooking Track
Denver, Colorado USA
9 – 12 October 2017

Social Capital Markets (SOCAP)
San Francisco, California USA
10 – 13 October 2017

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves - Clean Cooking Forum
New Delhi, India
24 - 28 October 2017

Jumeirah Hotel, Etihad Towers
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
29 Oct - 2 Nov 2017

International Organization of Standards (ISO)/TC 285
Kathmandu, Nepal
30 October – 03 November 2017

UN Climate Change Conference (COP23)
Bonn, Germany
6 - 17 November 2017

CONSOLFOOD2018 - Advances in Solar Thermal Food Processing
Instituto Superior de Engenharia, Universidade do Algarve, Campus da Penha
Faro, Portugal
22 - 24 January 2018

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