

# 6th International Conference

8—10 April 2026 | Mallorca, Spain

## **CHAIR'S INVITATION: SAVE THE DATE**

On behalf of the Partner Organisations, we are pleased to invite you to the **6th International Conference on Solar Technologies and Hybrid Mini-Grids for Energy Access**, taking place at the Universitat de les Illes Balears in **Mallorca**, **Spain**, from the **8-10 April 2026**.

Building on the success of our **S-Access** 2024 edition—where participants from 39 countries across six continents came together—we continue our mission to foster collaboration, exchange knowledge, and drive practical solutions for energy access worldwide. With over 70 oral presentations, 25+ posters and seven roundtable discussions, the last conference covered vital topics such as technological innovations, business models, regulatory frameworks, and social integration. Engaging side events like the Energy Access Innovation Lab, Sustainable Cooling for Food Security workshop, and the World Bank's ESMAP session on Electricity Access for Underserved Customers enriched the discussions, while the Solar Lunch experience brought clean cooking solutions to life.

This 6th edition aims to further solidify S-Access as a premier international platform, offering a dynamic mix of expert lectures, practitioner workshops, and interactive roundtables.

## WHY CONVENE?

The challenge of energy access is not new—we already know the statistics. More than 1.18 billion people still live in energy poverty, and we have proven renewable energy technologies that can bridge this gap. The real task is ensuring lasting, impactful implementation across sectors.

- **Beyond Deployment** Projects must create sustained community benefits through interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Scaling with Quality & Equity Innovations must be accessible, effective, and financially sustainable.
- Closing the Knowledge-Action Gap Practical, shared learning is crucial for real-world success.

The 6th S-Access Conference is a platform to refine strategies and drive meaningful, scalable impact beyond just delivering energy.



### SHAPING THE CONFERENCE TOGETHER

The S-Access Conference is built on a blueprint of key themes—but it is your contributions that bring it to life. We encourage participants to shape discussions, share insights, and collaborate on solutions in the following areas:

- **Technological & Design Aspects** Innovations in solar thermal technologies, PV kits, minigrids, storage, cooling, clean cooking, and water purification.
- **Policy, Market & Business Models** Exploring regulatory frameworks, financing mechanisms, sustainability, and off-grid integration.
- **Fields of Application** Implementing energy solutions in healthcare, education, agriculture, mobility, manufacturing, refugee settings, and more.
- **Impact & Cross-Cutting Issues** Addressing gender equity, circular economy, capacity building, and the socio-economic impact of energy access.

#### A CONFERENCE WITH A MISSION

As always, our goal is to create an inclusive, interactive, and action-driven platform for industry practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and investors. We are also introducing a pre-conference project meeting initiative, enabling organisations to maximize networking opportunities and collaboration ahead of the main event.

We are committed to staying true to the core mission of S-Access: bridging the gap between technology, policy, and real-world application to accelerate impactful international development projects.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mallorca, Spain in April 2026 and to shaping a future where solar energy is truly accessible to all.

Join us in driving innovation into action.

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