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Meeting the clean energy challenge, a study of solar innovation past, present and future

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Abstract: The past decade has witnessed a profound shift in the advancement of both solar technology and markets. While much progress has been made, sustaining the growth of clean energy advancements is critical for meeting carbon-reduction, resilience and affordability goals. A discussion of factors impacting the evolution and innovation that has occurred to date, as well as future opportunities and challenges will be discussed and will span global technology markets through social impacts.

Bio: Dr. Elaine Ulrich is a Senior Advisor for strategy in the solar office at the U.S. Department of Energy. She formerly led the balance of systems/soft costs team that works to reduce the non-hardware (soft costs) of solar and lower barriers to U.S. solar adoption. She recently served as a Senior Advisor for Energy in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. She holds a PhD from University of Arizona and BA from Wellesley College.