



**HUMANITARIAN
ENERGY
CONFERENCE**

Humanitarian Energy Conference

16 May 2022, 08:00-18:30 CAT
Online & in Kigali, Rwanda
#HumanitarianEnergy #HEC2022

Conference Details

Venue: Online and in Kigali, Rwanda (Venue tbc)

Date and Time: Monday, 16 May 2022, 08:00-18:30 CAT

Hosts: GPA Steering Group, NORCAP, Practical Action

Supporting Partners: German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

Conference Background

The second Humanitarian Energy Conference (HEC) is set to take place this year on 16 May 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda on the day preceding the SEforALL Forum. The conference will take stock of where the humanitarian sector stands in achieving SDG7 on sustainable energy for displaced populations and the host communities and contributing to SDG13 on climate action through improved clean energy supply. It will allow the humanitarian energy community to reflect on its goals, visions, and ways of working. The HEC will enrich humanitarian energy discussions through critical and informative discussions on its achievements and lessons learned. The meeting will inform and inspire development-humanitarian practitioners with wider trends in the energy access sector while integrating refugees and displaced communities in the discussions. During the event there will be opportunities for deep dive learning on electricity access and clean cooking solutions in humanitarian settings, as well as facilitated discussions on finance, technical capacity building, and inclusive policies with international partners and host governments. At the conference, the GPA will launch the first 'State of the Humanitarian Energy Sector Report', with participation from high-level officials and displaced people on how to raise ambitions to ensure that refugees and internally displaced people are not left behind in the clean energy transition.

Conference Objectives

1. **Take stock of where humanitarian sector stands in achieving SDG7** for displaced and host communities and contributing to SDG13 on climate action through improved clean energy supply
2. **Learn from each other** on successes and failures, and how to use these insights in practice.
3. **Inform and inspire humanitarian practitioners** with wider trends in the energy access sector, with a key focus on enabling market-based approaches and integrating sustainable business models into humanitarian energy work.
4. **Connect humanitarian practitioners and displaced communities** with wider energy access partners such as private sector actors, governments, and donors.

Conference Facilitators

Master of Ceremonies and Facilitator Track A: Anila Noor, Global Refugee-led Network (GRN)

Facilitator Track B: Thomas Fohgrub, The GPA Coordination Unit at UNITAR

Agenda

Time (CAT)	Session Details				
08:00-09:00	<i>Registration</i>				
09:00-10:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Plenary, Kilimanjaro Ballroom</i></p> <p>Opening remarks and presentation on the current state of energy access in displacement settings, recent commitments and momentum in energy and humanitarian sectors (Clean Energy Challenge, Energy Compacts). Data from the SOHES Report on recent energy access numbers in displacement settings will be shared along with guiding principles of engagement for the conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks: Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy • Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rwandan Ministry of Emergency Management (MINEMA) ○ Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action, Federal Foreign Office of Germany ○ Mark Carrato, Coordinator of Power Africa program, USAID ○ Andrew Harper, Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Climate Action, UNHCR • Presentation on the state of the humanitarian energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Owen Grafham, Assistant Director Environment and Society Programme, Chatham House 				
10:00-10:30	<i>Coffee Break and Networking</i>				
10:30-12:30	<p>Session 1: Deep Dive Sessions on Cooking and Electrification Sharing experiences in 'how to' format from market-based programmes and sustainable delivery models. Discussing business models, ecosystem enablers, access to finance outside of purely grant-based models. Connecting companies and practitioners to break ground on sustainable delivery of energy services and products.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Track A: Clean Cooking</th> <th>Track B: Electrification for Communities, Households and Businesses</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <p><i>Breakout Room A: Seminar & Isaro</i></p> <p>This session will explore learnings from recent projects that have focused on sustainable delivery of clean cooking solutions in displacement settings. Presentations on sustainable delivery models for solar electric-cooking, LPG, biogas and biomass solutions will be delivered, followed by interactive discussions with in-person and virtual audiences.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jillene Belopolsky, Chief of Staff and Chief External Affairs Officer, Clean Cooking Alliance</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simon Buss la Cour, CEO and Founder, Pesitho - Karlijn Groen, Project Advisor Energy, SNV - Cecilia Ragazzi, Director Access to Energy, Mercy Corps - Geophrey Oyugi, Research Officer, Malakal - South Sudan, IOM - Judith Joan Walker, COO, African Clean Energy - Brian Onyango, CEO and Founder, Usafi Green Energy </td> <td> <p><i>Breakout Room B: Kilimanjaro Ballroom</i></p> <p>This session will explore learnings from recent projects that have focused on sustainable delivery of electricity in displacement settings. The session will focus on mini-grids and smaller renewable energy solutions and energy efficient appliances, focused on learning from recent projects and experiences.</p> <p><i>Moderators: Mattia Vianello, Head of Energy, and Laura Clarke, RE4R Programme Manager, Practical Action</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kevin Mwangi, ESDS Project Manager, GIZ - Richard Mori, CEO, MeshPower Ltd - Eva Hatzidemou, Enter Energy Programme Manager, Shell - Emmanuel Aziebor, Regional Energy Advisor, Mercy Corps - David Stonehill, PowerAfrica Beyond the Grid Lead, USAID - Jean Marie Vianney Twagirayezu, Project Director, Belecom - Dysmus Kisilu, Co-founder and CEO, SolarFreeze </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Track A: Clean Cooking	Track B: Electrification for Communities, Households and Businesses	<p><i>Breakout Room A: Seminar & Isaro</i></p> <p>This session will explore learnings from recent projects that have focused on sustainable delivery of clean cooking solutions in displacement settings. Presentations on sustainable delivery models for solar electric-cooking, LPG, biogas and biomass solutions will be delivered, followed by interactive discussions with in-person and virtual audiences.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jillene Belopolsky, Chief of Staff and Chief External Affairs Officer, Clean Cooking Alliance</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simon Buss la Cour, CEO and Founder, Pesitho - Karlijn Groen, Project Advisor Energy, SNV - Cecilia Ragazzi, Director Access to Energy, Mercy Corps - Geophrey Oyugi, Research Officer, Malakal - South Sudan, IOM - Judith Joan Walker, COO, African Clean Energy - Brian Onyango, CEO and Founder, Usafi Green Energy 	<p><i>Breakout Room B: Kilimanjaro Ballroom</i></p> <p>This session will explore learnings from recent projects that have focused on sustainable delivery of electricity in displacement settings. The session will focus on mini-grids and smaller renewable energy solutions and energy efficient appliances, focused on learning from recent projects and experiences.</p> <p><i>Moderators: Mattia Vianello, Head of Energy, and Laura Clarke, RE4R Programme Manager, Practical Action</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kevin Mwangi, ESDS Project Manager, GIZ - Richard Mori, CEO, MeshPower Ltd - Eva Hatzidemou, Enter Energy Programme Manager, Shell - Emmanuel Aziebor, Regional Energy Advisor, Mercy Corps - David Stonehill, PowerAfrica Beyond the Grid Lead, USAID - Jean Marie Vianney Twagirayezu, Project Director, Belecom - Dysmus Kisilu, Co-founder and CEO, SolarFreeze
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	- <i>Rebecca Apicha, Senior Programme Officer – Environment, ILF</i>	
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break and Networking	
13:30-15:00	Session 2: Key Challenges: Panel or smaller group discussions, co-designed with partner organisers focused on gaps in energy expertise, development of business models and innovative financing to reach scale.	
	<p>Track A: Coordination and Collaboration <i>Breakout Room A: Seminar & Isaro</i></p> <p>This session will explore how to improve coordination of energy access in displacement settings at the global, national and local levels, bringing in experiences from energy and environment coordination groups, local energy coordination structures, and the global humanitarian landscape.</p> <p><i>Moderator: John Paul Magezi, Office of the Prime Minister and Co-chair of the Energy and Environment Working Group, Government of Uganda</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mark Gibson, Operational Lead, GPA Coordination Unit</i> - <i>Veronica Akika, Food Security Sector Co-facilitator in Nigeria, Mercy Corps</i> - <i>Mustafa Almomani, Regional Energy and Environment Specialist, UNHCR</i> - <i>Todd Wofchuck, Regional Energy Advisor, WFP</i> - <i>Florent Eveille, Head of Biogas Component in Kenya, GIZ</i> 	<p>Track B: Skills and Data <i>Breakout Room B: Kilimanjaro Ballroom</i></p> <p>This session focuses on efforts to upskill the humanitarian sector on renewable energy through partnerships, sustainable design of new delivery models, increasing data collection, and capacity building efforts.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Laura Patel, Energy Specialist, Energy4Impact and independent consultant</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Anais Matthey-Junod, Energy Expert, IOM</i> - <i>Marte Graff Jenssen, NORCAP Energy and Climate Roster Lead, NORCAP</i> - <i>Maria Ten Palomares, Senior Energy Consultant, Trama TecnoAmbiental</i> - <i>Peter Leskovsy, North Africa/Middle East regional energy advisor, ICRC</i> - <i>Britt Christiaens, Regional Knowledge Manager - Water & Habitat Unit, ICRC</i> - <i>Ranisha Banset, Knowledge Management Specialist, Energypedia</i>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break and Networking	
15:30-16:45	Session 3: Key Challenges: Panel or smaller group discussions, co-designed with partner organisers focused on coordination challenges at local and global levels and development of energy access programmes inclusive of displaced communities.	
	<p>Track A: Inclusive Policies and Regulatory Environment <i>Breakout Room A: Seminar & Isaro</i></p> <p>This session will explore recent developments in national policies and regulatory environments on energy access in displacement settings.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Owen Grafham, Assistant Director Environment and Society Programme, Chatham House</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Samuel Emase, Director Energy, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources, County Government of Turkana</i> - <i>Michael Ahimbisibwe, Acting Principal Energy Officer, Ministry of Energy and Minerals</i> 	<p>Track B: Innovative Finance and Transformative Delivery Models <i>Breakout Room B: Kilimanjaro Ballroom</i></p> <p>This session aims to outline recent efforts on innovative finance to support uptake in institutional and community level energy access, followed by a discussion on what kind of delivery and financial models can be used to scale up electrification efforts for displaced and hosting communities alongside humanitarian agencies.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Susanne Hounsell, Energy Sector Lead, SNV</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Borja Gomez Rojo, Energy Efficiency Programme Manager, WFP</i> - <i>Mark Gibson, Operational Lead, GPA Coordination Unit, UNITAR</i> - <i>George Okuthe, Manager for Energy Investing in East Africa, Acumen</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachita Misra, Associate Director of Knowledge and Advocacy, SELCO Foundation - Shaza Alrihawi, Chair of the GRN and Refugee Advocate, Global Refugee-led Network (GRN) - Boris Heinz, Community Energy and Adaptation to Climate Change, Technische Universität Berlin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colm Fay, Senior Director Market Strengthening, Clean Cooking Alliance - David Mozersky, President, Energy Peace Partners - Andrea Ranzanici, Executive Director, HumEn
16:45-17:00	<i>Transition to Plenary</i>	
17:00-18:15	<p>Expert Level Panel and Closing: Learning from Refugees, Migrants, and Donors Launch of the State of the Sector report followed by an expert level panel and announcements from the humanitarian energy sector.</p> <p><i>Plenary, Kilimanjaro Ballroom</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the State of the Humanitarian Energy Sector Report: Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen, GPA • Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joelle Hangi, Refugee Advocate and Clean Energy Champion ○ David Kinzuzi, Entrepreneur and Forced Migration Studies Researcher ○ Edson Sebutozi Munyakarambi, Chairperson of Refugee Executive Committee, Kigeme refugee camp ○ Harriet Lamb, CEO for Ashden ○ Dymphna van der Lans, CEO for Clean Cooking Alliance • Ashden Humanitarian Energy Awards Shortlist Announcement and Other announcements on partnerships, projects, and funding opportunities • Closing: Thomas Fohgrub, GPA 	
18:30 onward	<i>Evening Reception and Networking</i>	

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