



**HUMANITARIAN
ENERGY
CONFERENCE**

Humanitarian Energy Conference

07 October 2024, 08:00-18:00 EAT
Online & Movenpick Hotel and Residences, Nairobi, Kenya
#HumanitarianEnergy #HEC2024

Conference Background and Objectives

The third Humanitarian Energy Conference (HEC) will be held on 7 October 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya, on the day preceding the Global Off-Grid Solar Forum and Expo 2024 (GOGSFE), which is taking place between 8 and 10 October 2024. The conference aims to drive forward the humanitarian energy agenda by convening a diverse range of stakeholders to foster collective action, catalyse political commitments, forge partnerships, and mobilise resources. As a sector-wide event for the humanitarian energy community, the HEC provides a platform for critical and informative discussions, assessing the progress towards achieving SDG 7 for displaced populations and host communities.

Building on the success of previous conferences in 2019 and 2022, the upcoming HEC in 2024 aspires to:

1. **Take stock of the progress of the humanitarian energy sector**, fostering critical discussions on challenges and emerging opportunities.
2. **Facilitate the exchange of best practices and lessons learned** among humanitarian energy programmes.
3. **Promote knowledge sharing and strengthen partnerships** within the humanitarian energy community.
4. **Explore innovative ideas and progressive approaches** to increasing energy access in displacement settings.
5. **Explore synergies across government, private sector, humanitarian and development partners** to decarbonise humanitarian operations and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
6. **Influence inclusive government policy initiatives**, strengthen advocacy on “Leave No One Behind” (LNOB) agenda, and advocate for bridging energy access gaps in displacement contexts.

The conference will inform and inspire development and humanitarian practitioners, national governments, donors, and private sector companies with broader trends in the energy access sector, while prioritising the voices and needs of displaced and host communities. It offers deep dive learning sessions on electricity access and clean cooking solutions in displacement settings, alongside facilitated discussions on finance, technical capacity building, and inclusive policies with international partners and host governments.

Conference Facilitators

Master of Ceremonies and Facilitator Room A, Hall of Africa: Adrian Taylor, HEC Lead Facilitator, [4sing gmbh](#)

Facilitator Room B, Almasi 1: Aimee Jenks, Partnerships and Strategy Lead, [GPA Coordination Unit at UNITAR](#)

Facilitator Room C, Almasi 2: Lindiwe Khumalo, HEC Facilitator, [4sing gmbh](#)

Movenpick Wi-Fi Information

Username: Accor **Password:** Register individually using your Email Address

Venue and Session Location Details

Registration: Ground Floor Foyer, Hall of Africa

Networking spaces: Ground Floor Foyer, 3rd floor business centre, 4th floor Foyer

Lunch and Network Drinks: 2nd floor, Restaurant

Networking Dinner: Hall of Africa, Ground floor

Plenary room: Hall of Africa, Ground floor

Breakout room A: Hall of Africa, Ground floor

Breakout room B: Almasi 1, 4th floor

Breakout room C: Almasi 2, 4th floor

Conference Evaluation Survey



Please help us prepare for the next HEC by telling us what you liked best at this year's conference and what we can improve on.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HEC-2024>

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

Agenda

Time (EAT)	Session Details			
08:00-09:00	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee (Foyer outside of Hall of Africa, Ground floor)</i>			
09:00-10:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Plenary, Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i> This session will feature opening remarks and a multi-stakeholder panel discussion on the progress and challenges of energy access in humanitarian and displacement settings, as well as the sectoral vision through 2030. Conference objectives and guiding principles for engagement will be shared. Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mark Gibson, Team Lead, GPA Coordination Unit Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action, Government of GermanyJohn Burugu, Commissioner for Refugee Services, Government of KenyaMamadou Diane Balde, Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa Great Lakes, UNHCRJoelle Hangi, Inclusivity Advisor, GPA Coordination Unit High-Level Panel on Progress, Challenges and Vision for Humanitarian Energy in 2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mulualem Desta, Deputy Director General, Refugees and Returnees Services, EthiopiaNihan Erdogan, Deputy Regional Director for Operations, IOMTed Lawrence, Deputy Coordinator, Power Africa			
10:00-10:45	Networking in Plenary <i>Plenary, Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i>			
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee Break & Networking (Foyer outside of Hall of Africa and Almasi, Ground Floor and 4th Floor)</i>			
11:15-12:30	<table border="1"><tr><td>Room A: Reducing Emissions and Saving Costs: Advancing Decarbonisation of Energy Infrastructure for Humanitarian Operations <i>Breakout Room A: Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i> Speakers from NORCAP, GPA Coordination Unit, Norwegian Refugee Council, The Carbon Trust, UNHCR, UNDP, and Energy Peace Partners.</td><td>Room B: Community-Led Energy in Displacement Settings: Investing in Locally and Refugee-led Businesses <i>Breakout Room B: Almasi 1 (4th floor)</i> Led by refugee-led renewable and clean cooking SMEs with inputs from the Refugee-Led Research Hub, Ashden, and Chatham House.</td><td>Room C: Energy Enablers: Powering Healthcare Facilities and Productive Uses of Energy <i>Breakout Room C: Almasi 2 (4th floor)</i> Speakers from WHO, Center on Global Energy Policy, SEforALL, World Resources Institute, UNHCR, Energy Savings Trust, SNV, Practical Action.</td></tr></table>	Room A: Reducing Emissions and Saving Costs: Advancing Decarbonisation of Energy Infrastructure for Humanitarian Operations <i>Breakout Room A: Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i> Speakers from NORCAP, GPA Coordination Unit, Norwegian Refugee Council, The Carbon Trust, UNHCR, UNDP, and Energy Peace Partners.	Room B: Community-Led Energy in Displacement Settings: Investing in Locally and Refugee-led Businesses <i>Breakout Room B: Almasi 1 (4th floor)</i> Led by refugee-led renewable and clean cooking SMEs with inputs from the Refugee-Led Research Hub, Ashden, and Chatham House.	Room C: Energy Enablers: Powering Healthcare Facilities and Productive Uses of Energy <i>Breakout Room C: Almasi 2 (4th floor)</i> Speakers from WHO, Center on Global Energy Policy, SEforALL, World Resources Institute, UNHCR, Energy Savings Trust, SNV, Practical Action.
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12:30-13:45	<i>Lunch (2nd floor restaurant)</i>			

13:45-15:00	<p>Room A: Transformative Clean Cooking: Sustainable Delivery Models <i>Breakout Room A: Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>Speakers from Ethiopian Clean Cooking Alliance, EnDev, Last Mile Climate, NORCAP, Mercy Corps, WFP, Gamos East Africa, MECS, SNV, Pesitho, ECOCA East Africa, Private Sector Foundation Uganda and the Department of Refugee Services of Kenya.</p>	<p>Room B: Making Energy Markets Affordable in Displacement Settings: Experiences with Subsidies and Other Financial Interventions <i>Breakout Room B: Almasi 1 (4th floor)</i></p> <p>Speakers from Practical Action, GOGLA, World Bank ESMAP, ReNewGen, RVO and GIZ.</p>	<p>Room C: Delivering Energy Access in Urban and IDP Settings <i>Breakout Room B: Almasi 2 (4th floor)</i></p> <p>Speakers from Refugee-led Research Hub, IOM, World Green Building Council, NORCAP, and UN Habitat.</p>
15:00-15:30	<i>Coffee Break & Networking (Foyer outside of Hall of Africa and Almasi, Ground Floor and 4th Floor)</i>		
15:30-16:45	<p>Room A: Public-Private Partnerships: Business Models and Financing for Electrification at Scale <i>Breakout Room A: Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>Speakers from GET.Invest, Renewvia, GIZ, Okapi Green, HumEn, Energy Peace Partners, RTI International, Mercy Corps, and IOM.</p>	<p>Room B: Resilient Futures: Linking Clean Energy Solutions in Displacement Settings to Climate Adaptation <i>Breakout Room B: Almasi 1 (4th floor)</i></p> <p>Speakers from Chatham House, Practical Action, WFP East Africa, UNHCR, Refugee International, Mercy Corps, and NORCAP.</p>	<p>Room C: From Crisis to Development: Mainstreaming Energy in Humanitarian Clusters <i>Breakout Room B: Almasi 2 (4th floor)</i></p> <p>Speakers from UNHCR/FAO, Differ Community Power, University of Utrecht, and U-Learn Uganda.</p>
16:45-17:00	<i>Transition to Plenary in Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i>		
17:00-17:45	<p>Conference Summary & Closing <i>Plenary, Hall of Africa (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>Key learnings from the three conference tracks will be summarised and a range of experts will share their insights via spontaneous reflections and speeches. The conference will close with an attendee poll on key takeaways, followed by the announcement of new partnerships, programmes, projects, and goals for the coming year.</p> <p>Spontaneous reflections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epa Ndahimana, Independent Humanitarian Energy Consultant • Raffaella Bellanca, Senior Energy Advisor, WFP • Jolanda van Ginkel, Head of Portfolio – Renewable Energy, IKEA Foundation • Luc Severi, Programme Manager for Powering Healthcare, SEforALL • Nina Meyer Stensholt, Director of Innovation and Business Development, NORCAP • Peter Scott, CEO, BURN Manufacturing <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Heggenes, Special Advisor on Energy and Economic Development, UNHCR • Alexander Fierley, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy Nairobi 		
18:00-19:00	<i>Humanitarian Energy Networking Reception (2nd floor restaurant)</i>		
19:00-21:00	<i>Dinner (Hall of Africa, Ground floor)</i>		

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