



HIGH-LEVEL EVENT on the eve of the UN SUMMIT ON REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Leaving no one behind: Energy for humanitarian response and sustainable development

| Date and Time: Sunday, 18 September 2016 | 12.00-14.00 |
| Venue: Delegates Dining Room, UN Headquarters, New York |

CO-HOSTS: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

PARTNERS: Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, IKEA Foundation, Moving Energy Initiative, Schneider Electric and UN-Energy

CONTEXT:

In September 2016, world leaders will gather for the United Nations General Debate to discuss, among other, the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2030 Agenda's commitment to leaving no-one behind, and its specific references to people affected by humanitarian emergencies, presents a common framework under which humanitarian and development actors can work closely together to ensure the safety, dignity, and ability to thrive for the most vulnerable, while pursuing sustainable development for all.

The 2030 Agenda also set a historic first-ever universal energy goal, to 'Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all'. Today, more than 14 per cent of the world's population lack electricity, while nearly 40 per cent cook using harmful solid fuels. 80 per cent of refugees and displaced people in camps have minimal access to energy, which leads to raised health and security risks, restricted economic education opportunities, and environmental degradation.

CONCEPT:

Held on the eve of the special United Nations Summit on Refugees and Migrants 19 September, and in the margins of the UN General Debate, this high-level event will focus on how sustainable energy can improve health, enable education, empower women and increase economic output for the more than 125 million people affected by humanitarian crises. It also will show how sustainable energy builds long-term resilience to mitigate future crises, including those resulting from climate change, and create foundations for expanding opportunities for all.

Leaders from governments, the UN, business, civil society, and organizations will come together to...
...share life stories and show real examples of how energy solutions change vulnerable people's lives.
...promote and bolster action networks, such as the Moving Energy initiative, and the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves.
...demonstrate opportunities for governments and corporate actors' involvement in providing new solutions, technologies, business models and investments that give access to clean and affordable energy, and increase the health, well-being, and prosperity of the 3 billion energy poor in the world.



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Opening

Ms. Kelly T. Clements, Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR

Keynote Address

H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the 70th session of the UN General Assembly and Co-Chair of the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants

Special Remarks

H.E. Mr. Hillary Onek, Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees of the Republic of Uganda (TBC)

Mr. Per Heggnes, Chief Executive Officer, IKEA Foundation

Action and commitments

Introduction

Mr. Minoru Takada, Team Leader, UN DESA

Leadership perspectives

Mr. Ben Good, Chief Executive Officer, Energy 4 Impact (on behalf of the Moving Energy Initiative)

Ms. Radha Muthiah, Chief Executive Officer, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

Mr. Emmanuel Lagarrigue, Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Schneider Electric

Mr. Eddie O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, Mainstream Renewable Power

Discussion

Closing (by Co-hosts)