



Invitation to the launch of the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement 11 July 2018

On July 11th 2018, the Steering Group of the *Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement* (GPA) will hold an expert level meeting and a high-level panel discussion to launch the Global Plan of Action Framework.

Time

Expert-level meeting: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

High Level Panel Discussion: 1 pm – 3 pm

Location

Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

871 UN Plaza (1st Avenue and 49th Street)

New York, NY 10017

During the Expert-level meeting on the morning of July 11th the members of the Steering Group will inform about the Global Plan of Action and its framework of recommendations in a world café/focus group style meeting and lay out the next steps for translating these recommendations into a work plan with concrete activities. Through five rotating, 15-minute discussion rounds categorized by the five working areas (planning, policy, finance, capacity building, and data), the audience will discuss the recommendations with the authors and indicate priority actions for the humanitarian energy community.

The lunchtime high-level session will present a panel discussion with senior international organization and government members, focused on the need for leaving no one behind and how the Global Plan of Action Framework can be a tool for accelerating progress on sustainable energy solutions in situations of displacement.

Experts from the humanitarian/development and migration communities, members of the diplomatic community, donors and funders, representatives from the private sector and partners from academia are invited to share expertise in the morning working level meeting from 10 am - 12:30 pm and attend the panel discussion during lunchtime panel discussion from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The Executive Summary of the GPA is attached to this invitation.

Seats for this event are limited, please RSVP [here](#), if not done already.

Part I: Expert Level Meeting

Wednesday, 11 July: 10 am – 12:30 pm

The GPA Framework – From Recommendations to Action

Experts convene to review the Global Plan of Action Framework recommendations and suggest priority actions to accelerate sustainable energy access in situations of displacement.

9:30 - 10:00	Registration, Coffee
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and opening by the host
10:05 – 10:20	Setting the scene – Energy in situations of displacement: Overview about energy in displacement, why a Global Plan of Action is needed and what are main results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glada Lahn, Senior Research Fellow: Energy, Environment and Resources, Chatham House
10:20 - 12:20	Part I - The GPA and its framework of recommendations <u>Exchange in a WORLD CAFÉ / ‘Focus group’ Style about the five working areas:</u> <i>5 x 15 minute rotating discussion rounds</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working Area I (Planning and Coordination): Kathleen Callaghy, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves - Working Area II (Policy and host country involvement): Eva Mach, IOM - Working Area III (Innovative financing): Inga Buchholz, GIZ - Working Area IV (Training and Capacity Building): Thomas Fohgrub, UNITAR - Working Area V (Data, Evidence and Reporting): Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen, Practical Action <u>Guiding questions for each Working Area:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the most important recommendations? - What is missing / unclear? - How to support the actions? <p>Followed by a summary from the facilitators for each Working Area.</p>
12:00-12:20	Part II - Next steps, timeline and ways to get engaged <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the next steps and milestones? Timeline overview - Explain the GPA Support Structure (Steering Group, Coordination Unit, Expert Community, ways of working) - Pledging - How to support the GPA as a donor/humanitarian actor/private sector/academia, etc.? <p><i>Room for pledges and suggestions from all stakeholders</i></p>
12:20-12:30	Summarizing the exchange and closing

Part II – High Level Panel Discussion

Wednesday July 11th: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Senior members of governments and international organizations discuss the Global Plan of Action Framework and the benefits of sustainable energy in situations of displacement.

1:00-1:20	Additional Registration and Light Lunch
1:20-1:35	<p><u>Opening on behalf of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and Introducing the Global Plan of Action Framework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Christoph Heusgen, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations (TBC)
1:35-2:40	<p>High-Level Panel Discussion – ‘Leaving no one behind - A Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Displacement’</p> <p><i>Leaders from the UN migration and refugee agencies will discuss together with representatives from Member States the importance of the provision of sustainable energy for displaced populations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Michele Klein Solomon, Director of Global Compact for Migration, International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekke, Policy Director, Energy and Climate Change, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-Facilitator of SDG7 Technical Advisory Group - Mr. Craig Sanders, Deputy Director, Division of Programme Support and Management, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) <p><u>Moderation:</u> Mr. Nikhil Seth, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)</p>
2:45-3:00	Closing (Host) and Official Launch Photo – Steering Group, High-Level Panelists and Supporters

Executive Summary

The Global Plan of Action Framework For Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement

Today, over 134 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance due to conflict, natural disasters, and other complex global challenges. Access to fuel and energy is critical to essential activities such as cooking meals, heating shelters, cooling vaccines, charging mobile phones, and powering humanitarian operations.

Current energy practices in situations of displacement are often inefficient, polluting, unsafe, expensive and inadequate for displaced people, harmful to the surrounding environment, and costly for implementers. Given the complex nature of humanitarian situations and the challenges of integrating sustainable energy solutions into the humanitarian program cycle, there is a need for systemic actions to mobilise resources, build capacity, raise awareness, and use the opportunity for energy solutions to enhance positive impact in areas such as health, protection, food security and WASH.

This *Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement* (GPA) is a non-binding framework that will provide concrete actions for accelerated progress towards the vision of “*safe access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services for all displaced people by 2030.*” Its mission is to equip all stakeholders with the capacity to mainstream sustainable energy solutions into programming and implementation, with the goal of delivering improved protection, dignity, and energy-related social, environmental, and economic benefits to displaced people and if applicable to their hosts.

The GPA is the result of extensive consultation among humanitarian and development organisations, the private sector, governments, academia, and other stakeholders involved in the provision of fuel and energy to displaced people. It is a contribution to the review process of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) and is intended to align with the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the Agenda for Humanity, and other international initiatives such as the Paris Agreement. It seeks to strengthen and coordinate, rather than duplicate, existing initiatives working to improve energy access in situations of displacement, including the Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE) Working Group, UNHCR’s Global Strategy for SAFE, WFP’s SAFE initiative, the Moving Energy Initiative, the Smart Communities Coalition and others.

This document comprises the first part of the GPA – the Framework. Section I provides a brief overview of the current state of energy in situations of displacement and identifies five major challenges that must be addressed in order to improve the current situation. Each challenge is addressed by one of five GPA Working Areas. In Section II, the major challenges are broken into smaller components across the five Working Areas and examined in further detail. Each Working Area outlines a specific vision, assesses existing and potential solutions, and provides numerous recommendations as a basis for defining actions. The key challenges and main recommendations are as follows:

I. Planning and Coordination:

Energy is not a formal priority in humanitarian assistance

- i. Formally recognize sustainable energy access as a priority within the humanitarian system.
- ii. Foster 'bottom-up' collaborations and engagement on energy and environment interventions between displaced people, host community members, local experts and energy product/service providers
- iii. Build energy activities into other humanitarian assistance priorities

II. Policy, Advocacy and Host-Country Resilience:

Displaced people are often not included in national or international energy-access agendas

- i. Bring displaced people into the SDG 7 agenda and the Global Tracking Framework with a clear link to the response and resilience agenda
- ii. Encourage and support the design and implementation of response and resilience plans, including attention to energy priorities and energy linkages with other priorities such as housing, water supply, environment, food security and health
- iii. Foster national-level dialogue to enable successful sustainable energy-access interventions at the country level. Provide examples of how clean energy investment and self-reliance create a virtuous circle of beneficial change

III. Innovative Finance:

Energy in displacement settings is under-funded

- i. Conduct further data, mapping and research on the different types of projects or parts of the value chain that require financing, the instruments that would be best suited to each, and how they can be developed through discussions with different stakeholders
- ii. Hold discussions with donors to identify potential sources of funding to test out new financing instruments, with an emphasis of coordinating investment approaches and exploring more innovative financing options
- iii. Design a financing facility or financial instruments that could be used to support energy investments in displacement settings

IV. Technical Expertise, Capacity Building and Training:

Expertise and capacity to implement humanitarian energy solutions is limited

- i. Build in-house capacity of staff at the field and international level to plan for multi-year interventions and energy strategies and to implement projects
- ii. Develop tailored training packages according to stakeholders' capacity needs
- iii. Create or adopt a common repository to exchange knowledge, discuss issues and receive support from peers and experts

V. Data, Evidence, Monitoring and Reporting:

Data on humanitarian energy needs and solutions is limited and not widely shared

- i. Integrate energy indicators into planning and assessment tools for the humanitarian sector, in collaboration with Working Area I
- ii. Harmonize and standardize the types and forms of data collected to enable comparison and to facilitate effective monitoring and evaluation
- iii. Design and deliver of holistic monitoring, evaluation and learning tools for humanitarian energy programmes, with ways to share data and best practices between the humanitarian, development and private sectors



Following the release of this document at the High Level Political Forum in July of 2018, a support structure in the form of a coordination body and steering group will coordinate the development of the second part of the GPA – a Work Plan for the next two to three years that translates the Framework into concrete actions with clear roles, responsibilities, and timelines. The Work Plan will be developed until end of 2018 in a consultative process. *Further information about the GPA and how to support it can be found at: <http://onlinelearning.unitar.org/global-plan-of-action/>*