

Day / Track 14 Nov / Track IV: Hot topics and deep dives**14:00 – 15:30**

- Workshop:** Energizing the furthest behind – A Global Action Plan (GPA) to provide sustainable energy to all Refugees and forced Migrants
- Organizers:** UNITAR on behalf of the GPA Steering Group (UNHCR, IOM, WFP, FAO, the Moving Energy Initiative, Practical Action, UNEP DTU, Sustainable Energy for All, GIZ, UNDP, The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, and the UN Foundation), ESCWA and UNECE
- Target group:** International organizations, NGOs, private sector involved in development and energy, Impact Investors

Today, over 130 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance due to conflict, natural disasters, and other complex global challenges. For many of these people, access to sustainable fuel and energy is critical for survival, and how they access it impacts their health, livelihoods, safety, and well-being. Fuel and energy are a precondition for essential activities such as cooking meals, heating shelters, cooling vaccines, charging mobile phones and powering humanitarian operations. Lack of access to safe and sustainable energy exposes displaced women and girls to heightened risks of sexual and gender-based violence as they travel long distances to collect firewood and navigate poorly lit communal spaces.

Current energy practices in situations of displacement are often insufficient, inefficient, unsafe for users and harmful to the surrounding environment. Moreover, institutional humanitarian operations such as water pumping, community lighting, and health clinics rely heavily on unsustainable fossil fuels, costing over 100 million USD annually. Given the complex nature of humanitarian response and the challenges of integrating energy into the humanitarian program cycle, there is a need for systemic actions to mobilize resources and build capacity on this issue. On the other hand, there is also an opportunity for energy solutions to enhance impact in other aid sectors, including (but not limited to) health, protection, food security, and WASH.

To improve the situation, 12 international organizations and other partners have launched the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement (GPA) in July 2018. The GPA is a framework that outlines concrete actions to accelerate progress towards the vision of safe access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services for all displaced people by 2030.

This session will provide an overview of the energy situation in humanitarian operations, provide examples from the field and will outline how private companies can improve the situation in the future.

Guiding questions:

- *What are the challenges for energy in humanitarian response settings for households and humanitarian organizations?*
- *What is the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement (GPA)?*
- *How can I support the movement and invest in energy projects in the field?*

Time	Content	
14.00-14.45	Introduction: presenting the situation 1. Introduction to the Energy Situation in Displacement Settings and how the Global Plan of Action is a multi-sector platform for systemic change Mr. Thomas Fohgrub, UNITAR 2. Examples from the real world – Energy Projects for Refugees and Migrants, Ms. Radia Sedaoui UN ESCWA 3. Business opportunities for private companies to invest in energy projects Mr. Mads Hansen, KUBE Energy	Moderator: Mr. Gianluca Sambucini Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE) Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
14.45-15.30	Interactive discussion with the panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief of Energy Section, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) □ Mr. Thomas Fohgrub, Head of GPA Coordination Unit □ Mr. Mads Hansen, KUBE Energy 	