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The Steering Group of the Global Plan of Action has the pleasure of inviting you to the

Launch of the Framework of the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement

during the 2018 High Level Political Forum

Wednesday, 11 July 2018

The event will take place at the
Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
871 United Nations Plaza

Agenda:

Part I – Expert Level Meeting	
<u>10:00 – 12:30</u>	Expert level meeting, From Recommendations to Actions – Operationalising the <i>Global Plan of Action</i>
Part II – High Level Discussion	
<u>13:00-13:20</u>	Registration and Sandwiches
<u>13:20-13:35</u>	Opening on behalf of the Federal Government of Germany and Presentation of the Global Plan of Action Summary
<u>13:35-14:45</u>	High-Level Panel Discussion – <i>‘Leaving no one behind - A Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Displacement’</i>
<u>14:45-15:00</u>	Closing and Launch of the Global Plan of Action Framework

For any questions, please contact energy@unitar.org, call +41 22 917 8929 or [RSVP here](#).

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The Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement

Background and Vision

Vision: “Every person affected by conflict or natural disaster has access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy services by 2030”

Background:

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 energy sources is critical for survival, and how they access it impacts their health, livelihoods, safety, and well-being. Energy is critical 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.

Energy access for displaced people is not prioritized in the global humanitarian system. Current energy practices in situations of displacement are often inefficient, polluting, 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 sustainable energy solutions into the humanitarian program cycle, there is not just one solution but a need for systemic actions to mobilise resources, build capacity and use the opportunity for energy solutions to enhance impact in sectors such as health, protection, food security, and WASH.

Our Commitment:

We, the committed parties, declare our intention to work collectively and within our own agencies to **accelerate and improve safe and sustainable energy solutions in situations of displacement.**

We therefore started in January 2018 to develop together with many partners the **Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement (GPA)**. It is a non-binding framework and entails concrete recommendations for accelerated progress towards the vision of safe access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services for all displaced people by 2030. The living framework is the result of consultation among humanitarian and development organisations, the private sector, governments, academia, and other stakeholders involved in the provision of fuel and energy services 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.

Mission and Objectives:

The Mission of the Global Plan of Action Framework is to equip stakeholders with the capacity to mainstream sustainable energy solutions into programming, with the goal of delivering improved protection, dignity, and energy-related social, environmental, and economic benefits to displaced people. The Global Plan of Action accomplishes this mission by providing a strategic, multi-sector framework for addressing current challenges and barriers to achieving access to sustainable energy for displaced people. The framework addresses five key areas: **coordination and planning, policy and advocacy, innovative financing, technical expertise and capacity building,** and **data and evidence monitoring.**

The **Guiding Principles** of the Global Plan of Action Framework are as follows:

- Energy solutions must be context-appropriate. There is no “one-size fits all” solution.
- Displaced people, host communities and host governments must be involved from planning to implementation, to ensure that their needs and priorities are reflected.
- Energy is not a goal in and of itself, but a crucial enabler for humanitarian relief and development.
- Where possible, energy solutions should promote recovery and self-reliance among beneficiaries, as well as be financially and environmentally sustainable.

The **Strategic Objectives** of the Global Plan of Action Framework are:

- **Promote:** Foster an open and strategic dialogue between global energy and humanitarian actors to enhance humanitarian response through access to sustainable energy solutions.
- **Partner:** Strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships and mobilise sustainable and innovative approaches to finance energy solutions in situations of displacement.
- **Learn:** Generate awareness of existing resources on this issue and share evidence-based best practices.
- **Activate:** Create a collaborative and inclusive framework for unified, multi-stakeholder action to improve sustainable energy access in situations of displacement.

Call for Support

Recognizing that development and implementation of this comprehensive framework will be a long-term process, the committed parties hereby invite you to **Become a Partner** at one of the following levels:

- 1) **Level I – Commit to the development** of the GPA Framework by direct participation in, and/or financial support of, its development, in addition to self-defined, public commitments to be shared with the GPA Steering Group.
- 2) **Level II – Endorse the recommendations** and declare your *intention* to accelerate and improve access to safe and sustainable sources of fuel and energy in situations of displacement through self-defined, public commitments, as well as potential participation in the GPA Working Areas.
- 3) **Level III – Express interest** in the GPA and potential to increase your participation at a later stage.

To participate in the Global Plan of Action at any of the above levels or for additional information, email energy@unitar.org.

Next Steps

After the Global Plan of Action Framework launch, the Steering group and coordination unit will conduct a consultation process to transition the Global Plan of Action Framework recommendations into a living, actionable work plan.