

INVITATION GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM

Spotlight session

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Tuesday 17th December
2019

13:00 - 14:30

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Palais des Nations
Room XXII

A light lunch will
be served from 12:40

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Join UNHCR's Clean
Energy Challenge and
support the ambition that
all refugee settlements
and nearby host
communities will have ac-
cess to affordable,
reliable, sustainable and
modern energy

Organised by:

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Global Plan of Action for
Sustainable Energy Solu-
tions (GPA)

Norwegian Refugee Council
(NRC)

Organisation Internationale
de la Francophonie (OIF)

GREEN RESPONSE TO REFUGEE SITUATIONS - URGENT NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. **Jens Frølich Holte**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs , Norway

Mr. **François Gave**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of France

Mr. **Khaled Al-Shawabkeh**, Ambassador, Head of the International Relations and Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Jordan

PANELLISTS

Mr. **Muhammed Shikhani**, Civil Engineer and Refugee Representative

Mr. **Jan Egeland**, Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council

Mr. **Thomas Fohgrub**, Head of the Coordination Unit for the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement

Ms. **Jessie Le Magoarou**, Chargée de partenariats et projets urgence, Electriciens sans Frontières

Mr. **Björn Gillsäter**, Head of World Bank–UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement

Closing Remarks by Mr. **Andrew Harper**, incoming Special Advisor to the High Commissioner on Climate Action, UNHCR

MODERATOR

Ms. **Heba Aly**, Director, The New Humanitarian

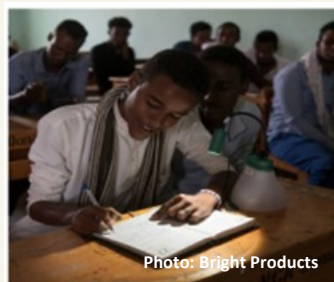


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The use of **high-emission sources of energy in humanitarian responses** can have a negative impact on the local environment of both refugees and host-communities, and is in many cases not cost-efficient on the long term. It also contributes to climate change and has negative impacts on the environment.

Shifting to **renewable energy solutions** has both **cost-saving advantages** and can stimulate local economy, facilitate **transfer of knowledge** to developing countries and reduce the burden on local electricity production.

To achieve this, humanitarian and development actors must adopt and implement strategies for **large scale greening and decarbonisation** of operations. Such a shift should be supported by the use of **available and innovative technologies**, **partnerships with private sector** and through progressive revision of national humanitarian and development strategies.

This event will present good practices and innovative solutions already implemented and explore new ways to implement an **environmental and climate friendly response** to refugee situations.

