

# Enlightening the Migration Debate: The Importance of Sustainable Energy Access

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BTC Conference Center – Espace Jacquemotte, 139 Rue Haute, 1000 Brussels

As part of its mandate to promote sustainable energy access in Africa, Asia and Latin America and to promote dialogue on this topic, the EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility (EUEI PDF) will host a discussion forum in Brussels on the nexus between Sustainable Energy Access and Migration. The forum provides a platform for exchanges between a variety of actors, including members of the EU Commission, EU member state representatives, energy policy actors and development/humanitarian aid practitioners, to identify the current and potential contribution of energy development solutions to the current Migration debate.

## Aim:

The forum aims to explore the interlinkages between sustainable energy access and migration. On the one hand, to discuss the role that energy access plays in tackling the root causes of migration; on the other, to identify better solutions for energy access in humanitarian settings.

## Context

In 2013, 232 million people worldwide were living outside their country of origin and according to estimates, one billion people moved internally to another place of residence within their country of birth. According to UNHCR, 65.3 million people worldwide were forcibly **displaced** in 2015 with the average **resettlement** waiting period for a refugee being 17 years.



Kisumu, charcoal storage area © GIZ / Dirk Ostermeier

Increasing international migration flows place growing demand on host countries' resources including **energy services** while simultaneously the international donor community is pushing for efficient use of funds earmarked for humanitarian aid and development, migration and energy programmes.

The EU is making great strides in addressing migration and displacement, and is the largest contributor of funding toward **energy development cooperation**. Grounded in the need to address the **root causes** of migration and to maximise positive impacts on development, the sustainable energy-migration nexus is central to the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa and the External

Investment Plan, as is indicated in the 2016 EU Council Conclusions on Sustainable Energy for Development.

**The nexus**

The role of energy access on migration can be analysed *before* and *after* migration has occurred. Firstly, before migration takes place, modern energy provision contributes to socio-economic development by improving education and health services. Since energy is an **enabler** which underlies all economic activity, it is posited that sustainable energy access can help improve livelihoods, which, in turn, addresses some of the structural causes for migration. Secondly, energy access enables **basic human needs** such as food and shelter to be met, which need to be addressed acutely in humanitarian situations after conflict or disaster.

**The Forum aims to discuss:**

- How can sustainable energy help tackle structural causes of migration, particularly economic and climate-related drivers?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for providing sustainable energy access to displaced populations and host communities?
- How can the coordination to transition from emergency humanitarian aid to long-term development planning in the energy sector be promoted?
- What are the links with other sectors such as local government, spatial planning, legal employment and social protection systems?

**The expected outcomes are to:**

- Take stock of the activities undertaken by the EU and other donors on the nexus between sustainable energy and migration;
- Establish a dialogue platform for the energy and migration communities and identify opportunities for more effective and coordinated interventions before and after migration, for example for improved sustainable energy access in humanitarian settings, taking into account coordination, long term planning, effective approaches and business models.



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**Draft Agenda**

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Time	Session
09:00-10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00-10:10	<b>Framing the Discussion Forum's focus</b> Event Chair: Daniel Werner, Programme Manager EUEI PDF
10:10-10:25	<b>Setting the scene:</b> <b>Presentation.</b> Rodrigue Djakou Yopo, Water and Social Infrastructure Expert, Support Program for Hosts and Refugee Populations Central African Republic, EU Bêkou Trust Fund project <b>EUEI PDF. Presentation of the informative paper.</b> <i>The role of sustainable energy access in the migration debate.</i>
10:25-11:45	<p><b>KEYNOTE: the EU's perspective on the topic</b> Felice Zaccheo, Head of Unit, European Commission DG International Cooperation and Development [DEVCO] C6. Sustainable Energy and Climate Change</p> <p><b>Part I:</b> <b>Panel discussion: <u>Tackling the root causes of migration – what is the role of sustainable, clean and affordable energy access?</u></b> Moderator: Eva Kagiri, Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short presentations (3-5 min) of priorities and activities on sustainable energy provision and impact on migration from a global perspective by the panelists.</li> <li>Moderated discussion with guiding questions – 30 min + Q&amp;A How is the energy-migration link perceived in the EU? What is currently being done to address it? What is working and which barriers exist?</li> </ol> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stefano Signore, Head of Unit DEVCO B3. Migration, Employment, Inequalities</li> <li>Felice Zaccheo, Head of Unit DEVCO C6, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change</li> <li>Min.Plen.Tosca Barucco, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</li> <li>Hans Olav Ibrekk, Director of Energy, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>Marcel Raats, Senior Energy Advisor, Netherlands Enterprise Agency</li> <li>Shukri Ahmed, Deputy Strategic Programme Leader for Resilience, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</li> </ul>
11:45-13:00	Family Photo & Lunch

13:00-14:30	<p><b>Part II:</b> <b>Group Discussion: <u>Sustainable energy access for refugee settlements and host communities - benefits and challenges</u></b></p> <p>Moderated fish-bowl discussion with Fiona D. Wollensack (EUEI PDF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daphne Carliez, SAFE Global Coordinator and Communications, United Nations World Food Programme</li> <li>• Paul Quigley, Senior Energy Officer, UNHCR</li> <li>• Owen Grafham, Project Manager, Energy, Environment and Resources, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House</li> <li>• Mohamed Badran, Project Coordinator Promotion of training to improve efficiency in the water and energy sector II in Jordan, GIZ</li> <li>• Daniel Clauss, Policy Officer DG ECHO</li> <li>• Wesly Urena Vargas, Senior Engineer Renewable Energies, KfW</li> </ul> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the opportunities and challenges of implementing long-term planning when providing sustainable energy access to displaced populations?</li> <li>• What are the good practices of providing sustainable energy in the context of refugee settlements?</li> <li>• How can sustainable energy access planning in the context of urban areas cities/slums be coordinated with energy provision programmes in humanitarian settings?</li> <li>• How can gender-related strategies and activities be incorporated and effectively implemented in sustainable energy access planning for humanitarian settings?</li> </ul>
14:30-15:40	<p><b>Part III:</b> <b>Parallel break-out sessions</b></p> <p><u><i>Session 1: How to improve sustainable energy access in humanitarian settings? Coordination and transition from humanitarian aid to development planning</i></u></p> <p>Moderated by Sarah Lester, Senior Energy Adviser – Humanitarian Energy Lead, Practical Action</p> <p>Opening by: Patrice Quesada, IOM Senior Emergency and Post-Crisis Specialist</p> <p>What is needed by refugees and the host community (demand side)? What can be provided (supply side) by coop. partners and the private sector? What are the approaches of local stakeholders (government, host community, etc.)?</p> <p><u><i>Session 2: How to promote effective approaches for sustainable energy access in humanitarian settings?</i></u></p> <p>Moderated by Ben Good CEO Energy 4 impact</p> <p>Opening by: Guilherme Collares Pereira, Director, Access to Energy / International Relations, EDP -Energias de Portugal, S.A. (TBC)</p> <p>Discussion inter alia with engaged private-sector actors about successful energy access approaches and business models, including market-based approaches</p>
15:40-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:00	<p><b>Part IV:</b> <b>Plenary discussion – Conclusions and Outlook</b></p> <p>Daniel Werner (Conference Chair), Programme Manager EUEI PDF Housatonic Live Scribing Presentation Summaries from Panel 1 &amp; 2, led by moderators and audience conclusions.</p>
17:00–19:00	Reception (including dinner)

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- <http://bed-and-breakfast-sablon-aire-suite.brussels-hotels.net/en/#main>
- <http://www.lecoupdecoeur.be/>
- <http://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-collection-brussels-grand-sablon>
- <http://www.sandton.eu/sandton-pillows-brussels/en/>

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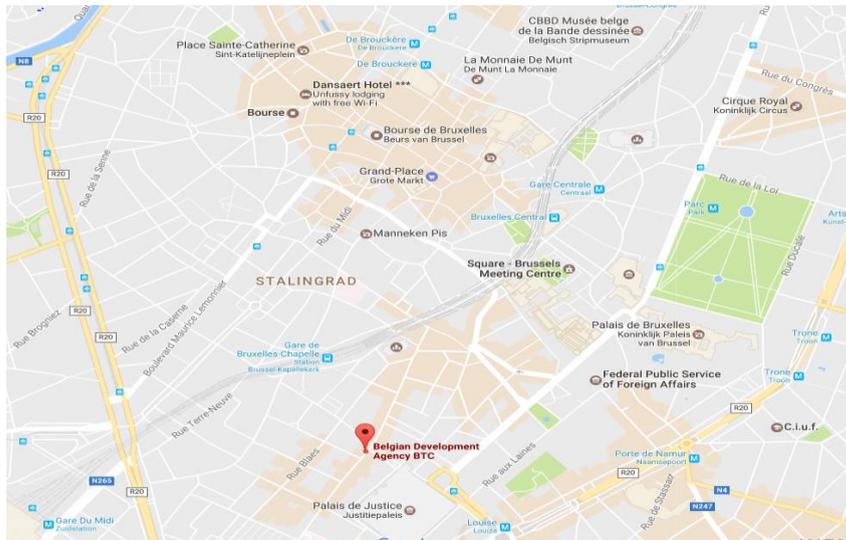
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