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On behalf of the International Organization for Migration, I would like to thank all Governments involved for their leadership in the clean energy transition and applaud the Clean Energy Challenge launched by UNHCR and partners.

In the past two years, significant progress was made in the humanitarian sector to recognize the role of energy in what we do and how we do it.

Acknowledging the need for a more systematic inclusion, our organization has been working on finding solutions to provide access to clean energy to the people we serve (what we do), and also to power our facilities and operations in a climate-friendly manner (how we do it).

The rapid inclusion of clean energy solutions in facilities and operations and programming is remarkable.

We launched the first multi-year agreement with a company to supply solar power to one of our humanitarian hubs in South Sudan. This initiative was highlighted as one of the best examples of innovative partnerships in the sector.

In terms of programming, the energy transition has been driven by efforts made in water, sanitation and hygiene programs, as diesel-pump water supply systems are increasingly replaced with solar power. In South Sudan, Nigeria and Bangladesh, almost all of our water supply systems are now solar powered. With the support of the Government of Japan, IOM installed the largest solar powered water supply system in Cox's Bazaar that is now providing safe water to more than 30,000 Rohingya refugees. The system is comprised of almost 200 solar panels and represents a sizeable landmark in the camp.

Pico solar items, from solar lanterns to solar radios, became more accessible and are regularly included in non-food item kits.

IOM also engages with partners to address the cooking energy needs of communities, for example through distributing liquified petroleum gas and producing biogas from latrines.

We also design border posts and their management systems with sustainable energy solutions in mind.

These examples are non-exhaustive but are meant to illustrate IOM's institutional commitment to protecting our planet by incorporating clean energy in our services to people affected by conflict, disasters and climate change, and in our own facilities and operations.

We remain committed to the vision outlined in SDG 7 to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, and to sector-wide collaboration through the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy in Displacement Settings (GPA) in support of the Clean Energy Challenge.

Thank you for your attention.