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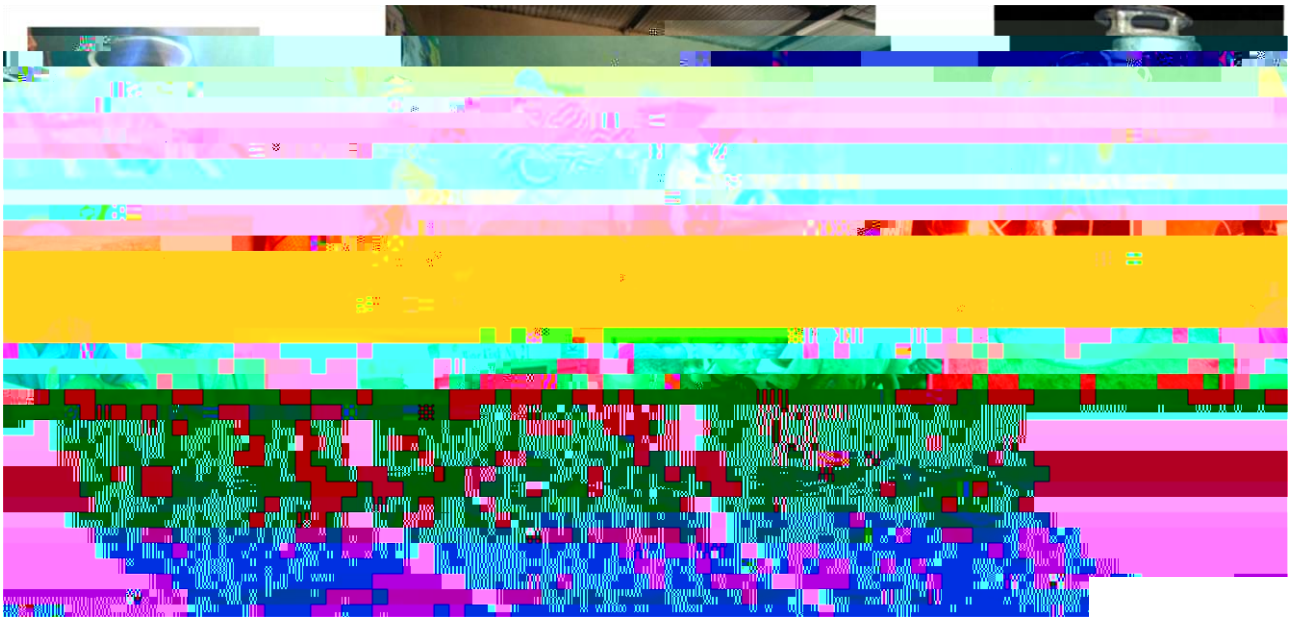
CONFERENCE OF PARTIES (COP) 28- DUBAI, UAE
CONCEPT NOTE

IMPROVING ACCESS TO ENERGY FOR THE POOR IN URBAN AND PERI-URBAN
AREAS THROUGH MULTI-FUNCTIONAL CLEAN ENERGY CENTRES

SIDE EVENT

Venue: SDG Pavilion

Date & Time: 9th December 18:00 19:00



Background

The rapid population growth and urbanization taking in place in the global South has been followed by increasing demand for shelter; infrastructure; basic services; energy; jobs; education; consumer products etc. On average, between 30-60% of the urban population in the global South live in informal settlements or slums. Their energy demand increases annually by 7-8%. There is a slow increase of the energy supply and therefore a big mismatch between the demand and supply. Majority of the people still rely on biomass energy for cooking with majority of the urban poor still relying on kerosine and candles for lighting.

UN-Habitat recognises the existing inadequate energy access for many of the poor communities in major urban and peri-urban areas. The lack of reliable and affordable energy has been impacting socio-economic situation of these communities making them to live a marginalised life. In an effort



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Means to achieve the objective

The session will bring together stakeholders with experience in clean energy access and innovative technologies in the sector who will outline the major challenges and opportunities to energy access including solutions to these challenges. There will be a Q & A session to engage the audience in further identifying pressing needs and issues of concerns that can be taken into consideration in the implementation of the MCECs.

Speakers:

1. **Vincent Kitio**, Lead Urban Energy Solutions, UN-Habitat (speaker and moderator)
2. **Phance Mokeira Ombati**, Urban Energy Officer, UN-Habitat, NORCAP (Speaker)
3. **NORCAP representative**- Speaker to be confirmed
4. **SE4ALL** Speaker to be confirmed
5. **Shelter Afrique** -Speaker to be confirmed

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