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Migrants are integral members of society, contributing to mutual understanding and sustainable development in communities of both origin and destination.

Safe, orderly and regular migration is in the interest of all. And national priorities on migration are best achieved through international cooperation.

All migrants are entitled to equal protection of all their human rights.

These principles are enshrined in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Yet, we often hear narratives around migrants that are harmful and false.

And we often witness migrants facing unspeakable hardship as a result of policies shaped more by fear than by fact.

On this International Day, I urge leaders and people everywhere to bring the Global Compact to life, so that migration works for all.

Video link: https://youtu.be/vGvXSB67Alw
UNDP in Pakistan launches the National Action Plan and Investment Prospectus on Sustainable Energy for All

17 December 2019, Islamabad — UNDP in Pakistan launched the National Action Plan (NAP) and Investment Prospectus (IP) on Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) in collaboration with the Planning Commission in Islamabad today. The event highlighted the importance of access to sustainable energy for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“UNDP has been supporting the government in the development of the National Action Plan on SEforALL”, Mr. Ignacio Resident Representative, a.i. of UNDP Pakistan stated. “The National Action Plan will provide the opportunity to achieve the SDG on Affordable and Clean Energy, along with opportunities for partnerships and collaboration with the international private sector, as well as effective governance of climate finance.”

SEforALL initiative is an important component of SDGs, and provides an all-encompassing approach linking energy access to other goals. National Action Plan provides a comprehensive and holistic long-term vision, aligned with National Vision 2025, and national policies notified from time to time.

Dr. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission stated “By 2030, Pakistan has a great opportunity to transform its energy systems by improving energy efficiency and incorporating more renewable energy into its mix”.

Mr. Sardar Mohazzam, Managing Director of National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) shared the approach of National Action Plan and Investment Prospectus. Mr. Inayat Ullah Qureshi, Chief of Energy Wing at Planning Commission, in his closing remarks at the launch, expressed government’s commitment to achieve sustainable energy goals for poverty reduction, improvement of human capital and quality of life.