

**The Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations,
The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations
and
The Women's Refugee Commission**

Invite you to

**SAFE Access to Cooking Fuel: A Critical Link in Preventing
Non-communicable Diseases and Desertification**

Side event on the occasion of the high-level segment of the 66th General Assembly

Featured Speakers:

Sarah Costa

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Associate Director for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, National Institutes of Health

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The collection, supply and use of firewood, particularly in humanitarian settings, are associated with a variety of dangers, including deadly respiratory infections caused by toxic smoke from indoor fires and land degradation resulting from overdependence on firewood and other unsustainable sources of cooking fuel. Simple solutions to this complex problem exist – from clean cookstoves to safer fuels to innovative new energy technologies.

The panel will discuss the linkages between two critical High-level Meetings of the 66th General Assembly – on non-communicable diseases and desertification – in the context of safe access to cooking fuel. It will cover the challenges that the humanitarian system faces in addressing this multi-sectoral issue and the progress that has been made in recent years as a result of the guidance created by the IASC Task Force on Safe Access to Firewood and alternative Energy in Humanitarian Settings (SAFE) and the new Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves.

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