



[Clean Cooking Forum 2015, Accra, Ghana](#)

UK Minister of State for International Development Grant Shapps (center) joins Radha Muthiah and a roster of VIP speakers on Day Three of the Forum

Radha's Letter

Dear Friends,

I was excited and honored to join more than 500 attendees from 50 countries who came together this month at the Clean Cooking Forum 2015 in Ghana. Co-hosted by the Global Alliance and the Ghana Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, the Forum was one of the largest gatherings of leaders, advocates, and experts working to build a thriving global market for clean and efficient cookstoves and fuels. The collective energy felt in Accra from partners, supporters, the media, and so many others -- is something I won't soon forget.



While there's not nearly enough space here to list the countless highlights from the week, I would like to point out a few of the many people, events, and activities that helped make the four-day event such a huge success.

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Highlights: Clean Cooking Forum 2015

DAY ONE: Clean Cooking Forum 2015 Kicks Off

A wide range of leaders, experts, and advocates working in the cookstoves and fuels addressed the first Forum held in West Africa. While the speakers included leaders from government, business, non-profit, and academia, an 11-year old student and cookstoves advocate stole the show.



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internationally-acclaimed musician and clean cookstoves advocate Rocky Dawuni that had attendees dancing long into the night.

DAY THREE: Clean Cooking Forum 2015 Rolls On

A powerful opening plenary featuring Grant Shapps, Minister of State at the UK Department for International Development, began the day. The plenary featured diverse speakers from nine countries and four continents, with representation that included a traditional chief, business executives, and major governments.



DAY FOUR: Clean Cooking Forum 2015 Wraps Up

A full roster of morning sessions was capped off by an interactive plenary packed with attendees who participated in a Q & A session. The spirit of partnership, collaboration and commitment was evident by the high level of interaction.



News



India Sees Clean Cooking as Climate Action That Saves Lives

The AP published a story, photos, and video on India's focus on clean cooking as a way to fight climate change and save lives. The story quotes Alliance CEO Radha Muthiah and received broad pickup in major global press.

New Report: Clean Energy in Refugee Camps Could Save Millions of Dollars

Research shows that investing in clean cookstoves and solar lanterns could benefit people, the planet, and NGO budgets.



Global Events

G20 Report Features Clean Cooking and the Alliance Model

The Leaders' Communiqué released after the Summit specifically mentions the challenge of billions of people around the world who still rely on solid fuels and inefficient cooking methods.

COP21 Preview: Clean Cooking Has An Imperative Role In Collective Climate Action

At this marquee moment for climate action, the Alliance will be co-hosting official and unofficial side events and speaking on panels in Paris.



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The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves is a United Nations Foundation-hosted public-private partnership to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions. The Alliance's goal calls for 100 million households to adopt clean and efficient stoves and fuels by 2020. The Alliance is working with over 1300 public, private, and non-profit partners to accelerate the production, deployment, and use of clean cookstoves and fuels in the developing world.

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