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Following the presentation by Ms. Olasimbo Sojirin of Sola Sisters, I noted that solar as a form of renewal energy has a great potential in Uganda because of the low level of electrification Uganda and hence low level of access to the national grid.

I also highlighted the fact that Uganda has highlighted the energy sector as one of the key areas in its nationally determined contribution that it submitted to the UNFCCC in her effort to address climate change. Investment in solar energy is therefore a key priority in Uganda government’s renewable energy policy.

In view of this, I asked the following questions:

1. **What are the challenges that Solar Sister have met in the course of executing business in Uganda?** There could be challenges that may require policy intervention.

2. **Given the upfront cost of investing in solar equipment, what is the financial model that solar sister is implementing in order to make the technology affordable to the population at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid who are the most-in-need of the technology?**

3. **The UNFCCC under its financial mechanism has funds that can be accessed through the Green Climate Fund (GEF), its operating entity. Has Solar considered applying for such a fund to invest in its business?**

Kind regards

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