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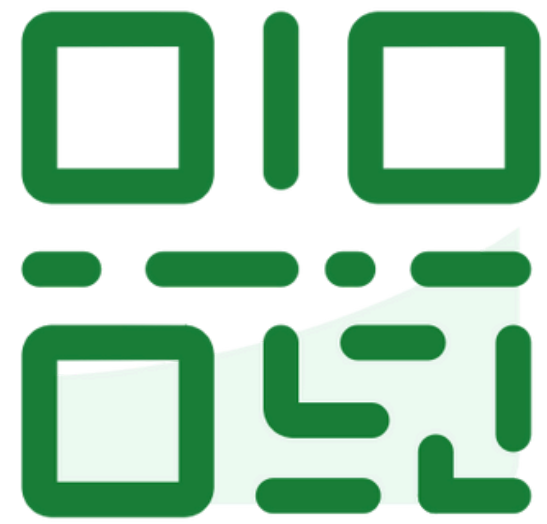
Project Facilitation in fragile countries: **Navigating political risks, enabling RE investments**

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Keynote



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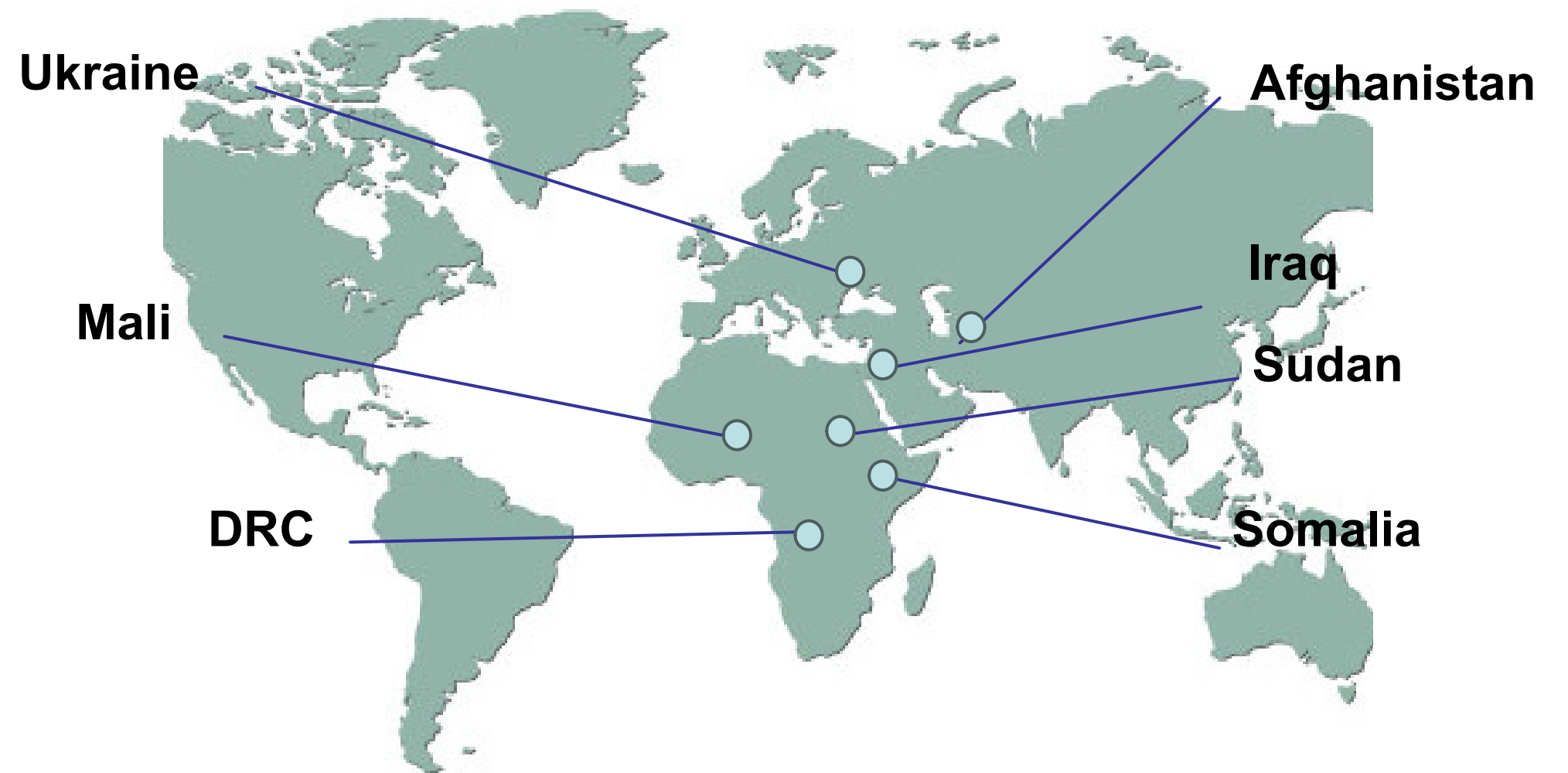
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How would you best describe the current investment climate in Fragile and Conflict Affected (FCS) countries?

The opportunity for clean energy investment in FCS countries

- Vast majority of those without electricity live in FCS countries.
- Clean energy access can boost health, education, water supply, and livelihoods.
- Decentralized renewables offer scalable, resilient solutions in unstable settings – faster to deploy, less vulnerable.
- Renewables can deliver peace dividends: improved services, safety, and state legitimacy.



Success stories in FCS around the world,
at all scales of implementation

Clean energy investment in FCS presents unique challenges



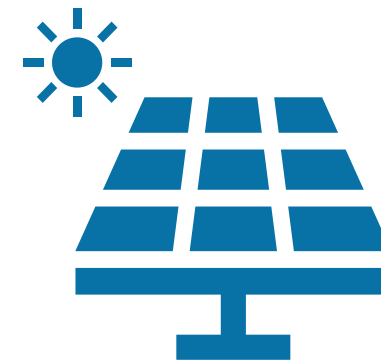
Weak governance and regulatory gaps increase project risk.



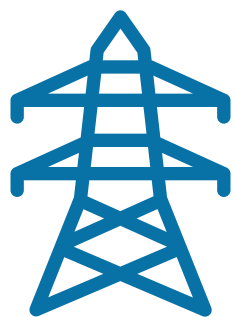
Risk of social tensions: unequal access, displacement, or exclusion of women and marginalized groups



High investment risk: conflict, currency instability, limited local finance.



Policy uncertainty and frequent political transitions can disrupt long-term energy planning.

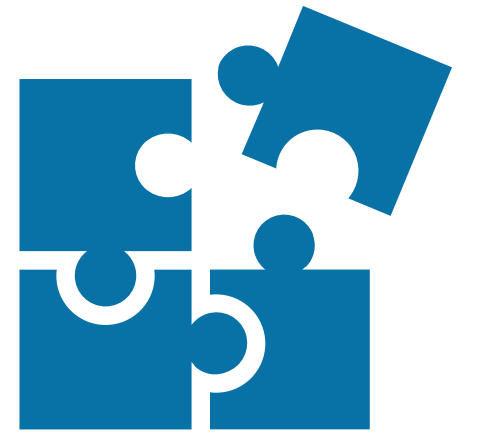


Security threats to infrastructure and personnel raise operational costs.



Limited technical capacity and weak institutions hinder operations and maintenance.

Conflict-sensitive approaches and adaptability are key



- Engage communities early to build trust and local ownership.
- Ensure fair distribution of benefits across regions, groups, and genders.
- Design projects to deliver visible peace dividends and communicate these clearly.
- Include strong monitoring to track social impact and allow for adaptation.
- Integrate local conflict analysis into site selection, land use, and employment decisions.
- Partner with local institutions and civil society to improve accountability and sustainability.

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Panel discussion

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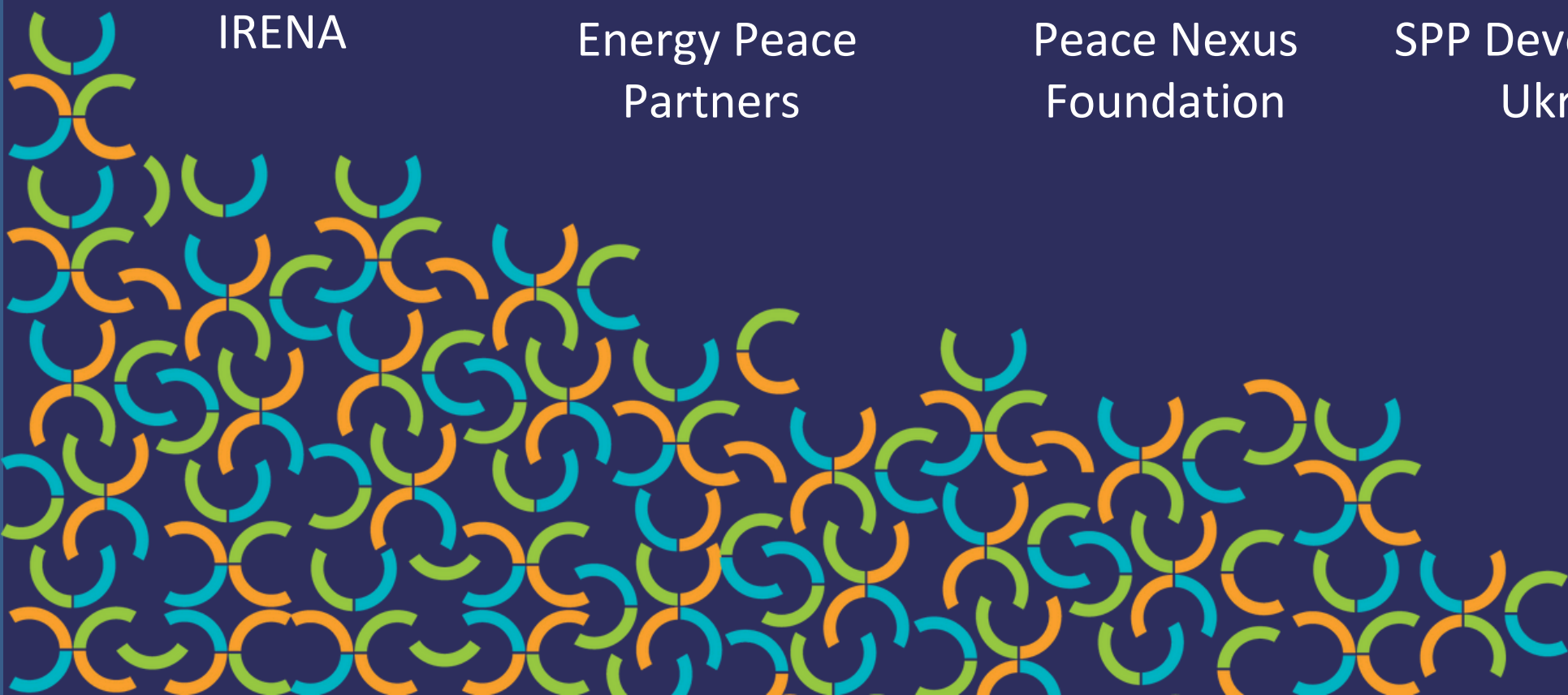
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What do you see as the biggest barrier to investing in FCS markets?

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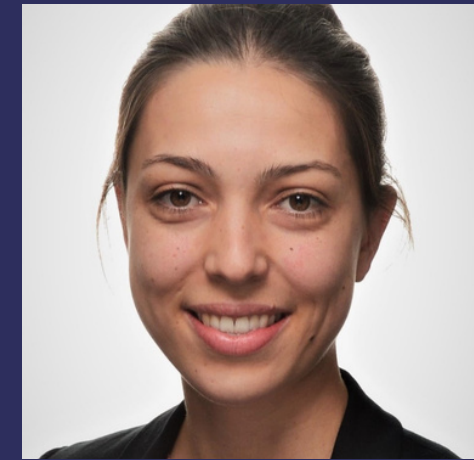
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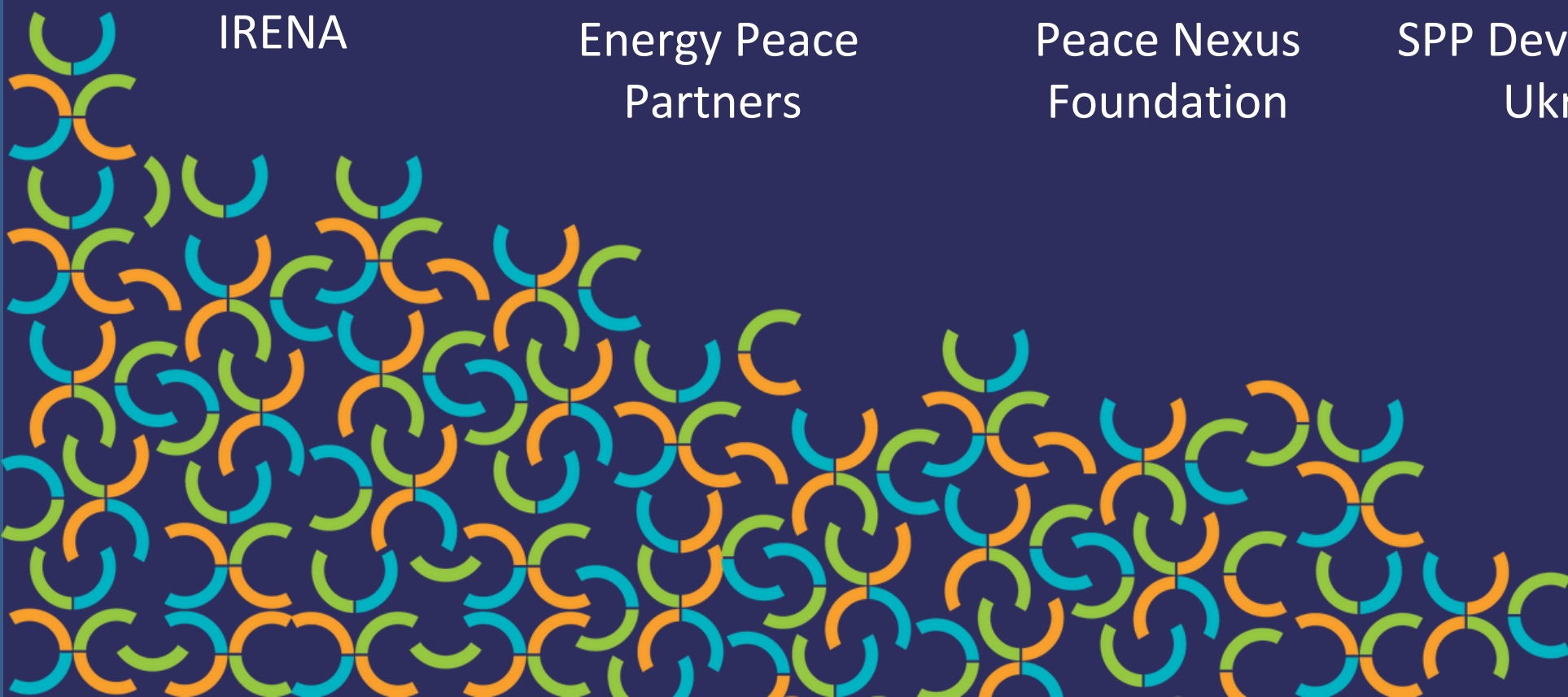
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What do you believe is the strongest incentive for investing in FCS settings?



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