

Panelist Session: *Ms. Doris Edem Agbevivi*, Energy Analyst of the **Energy Commission, Ghana**, shared Ghana's experiences in managing the water-energy nexus. In doing so, Ms. Agbevivi highlighted some of the most important challenges faced in the country, such as providing access to off-grid communities, and emphasized the need to enhance access to clean renewable energy options. After sharing some success stories as well, Ms. Agbevivi concluded recommending next steps to be taken in order to address barriers and continue progress, such as defining priority investment areas; considering integrated approaches at both policy and investment decisions, including inter-ministerial and sectoral representation on projects; involving local assemblies; addressing data gaps and encouraging data use in a harmonized water-energy ecosystem; and promoting local initiatives that require national frameworks and national policies that benefit from the implementation of global goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Bas Berends, Chief Partnership Officer at **OffGridBox**, introduced integrated solutions for clean water, solar energy and connectivity in remote areas, designed and developed by his organization in the form of a practical and self-contained water and energy box. Emphasizing the numerous enterprise and market opportunities that the combined use of integrated water and energy solutions can bring, he explained the positive impacts that their developed structuresolutions can bring