

**Annual
Tripartite
Consultations on
Resettlement**

**24-26
June
2014**

AGENDA

One refugee resettled, many lives protected



**ATCR
WGR**
ANNUAL TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS
and WORKING GROUP on RESETTLEMENT

International Labour Office,
4, route des Morillons
CH-1211 Genève 22, Switzerland

Salle GB (Salle des Assemblies)

Global Resettlement Context

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| 8:00-9:00 | Registration/Morning Coffee |
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- Participants register
- Refreshments (tea/coffee/pastries) provided.

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| 9:00-12:00 | States-Only and NGO-Only Meetings (Concurrent) |
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- See separate schedules for states-only and NGO-only
- Coffee breaks to take place from 10:15 to 10:45.

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| 12:00-13:15 | Lunch/Meetings |
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| 13:15-13:30 | <u>Agenda Item 1 and 2: Welcome and Opening Remarks</u> |
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All plenary sessions will be held in Salle GB (Salle des Assemblies)

Opening remarks, NGO statement, and brief report on the 2014 WGR.

Presenters:

- Renata Dubini, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
- Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Head of Division, Asylum Unit, Danish Immigration Service
- Eva Singer, Head of Department, Asylum and Repatriation, Danish Refugee Council

(Chair will ask all participants to observe a minute of silence to remember our dear colleague Debra Pressé, former Director of Resettlement, Refugee Affairs, Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

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| 13:30-15.00 | <u>Agenda Item 3: Global Updates & 2015 Resettlement Priorities</u> |
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UNHCR will highlight significant developments, challenges, and situations requiring attention. UNHCR will also present and lead a discussion on resettlement targets and projections for 2015, based on the Projected Global Resettlement Needs document.

Presenters:

- Renata Dubini, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
- Aurvasi Patel, Senior Resettlement Coordinator, UNHCR
- Eduardo Yrezabal, Resettlement Service, UNHCR
- Carolin Spannuth, Resettlement Service, UNHCR
- Vanessa Mattar, Resettlement Service, UNHCR
- Seda Kuzucu, Resettlement Service, UNHCR
- Marisa Gomez, Resettlement Service, UNHCR

Background document:

- UNHCR 2015 Projected Global Resettlement Needs (available online)
- 2015 Fact Sheets Priority Situations.

A Video on Emergency Resettlement on medical grounds to Norway (Syrian family) will be shown.

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| 15:00-15:30 | Tea/Coffee Break |
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| 15:30-17:30 | <u>Agenda Item 4: Informal discussions of refugee situations with UNHCR field staff</u> |
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During this session the plenary will break out into four groups covering Asia, Middle East and North Africa, Africa and Americas regions, where UNHCR delegates from relevant field operations and Bureaux will provide presentations on regional developments, and will answer questions. Sessions will be held in an "open house" format, and participants are welcome to join at any time. Sessions intend to give participants the opportunity to network and discuss issues of interest with UNHCR colleagues from the field.

Break-Out Group 1 Africa**Salle IX**

Presenters: Kabi Bernander, UNHCR Nairobi Hub
Lucie Gagne, UNHCR Regional Office Dakar
Shant Dermegerditchian, UNHCR Regional Office Pretoria
Inge De Langhe, UNHCR Branch Office Nairobi

Break-Out Group Americas**Salle IV**

Presenters: Marta Juarez, Director, UNHCR Americas Bureau
Stephane Jacquement, UNHCR Colombia
Davide Torzilli, UNHCR Americas Bureau
Vincent Briard, UNHCR Ecuador

Break-Out Group Asia

Salle III

Presenters: Yoko Iwasa, UNHCR Regional Office Thailand
Jeanette Zuefle, UNHCR Pakistan
Annheli Aldhammar, UNHCR Iran
Mike Clayton, UNHCR Regional Office Canberra
Liv Feijen, UNHCR Asia Bureau

Break-Out Group Middle East and North Africa

Salle du Conseil

Presenters: Elizabeth Tan, UNHCR Egypt
Bill Lipsit, UNHCR Beirut Hub
Maha Kashoor, UNHCR Beirut Hub
Jason Low, UNHCR Beirut Hub

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| 18:00-20:00 | Reception Hosted by Denmark |
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Guest Speaker: Carsten Staur, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Denmark to UN in Geneva.

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| 08:00-09:00 | Morning Coffee Meeting US Chair and NGOs on Congolese situation. |
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- Refreshments (tea/coffee/pastries) provided.

All plenary sessions will be held in Salle GB (Salle des Assemblies)

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| 09:00-9:15 | <u>Agenda Item 5: Update on NGO Consultation</u> |
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This plenary session will include a brief report on the NGO Consultations' resettlement session, and a brief presentation by a refugee representative from Australia.

Presenter:

- Naomi Steinberg, Director, Refugee Council, USA
- Joseph Youhana, Refugee Representative, Ames

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| 09:15-10:45 | <u>Agenda Item 6: Innovative Solutions Strategies in Syria Situation</u> |
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The Chair of the Core Group for resettlement of Syrian refugees will report on the group's work, and will facilitate a discussion on developments and topical issues related to the response to Syrian refugees as a priority situation. This session will be devoted to a discussion on how to increase the response mechanisms for Syrian refugees through collaboration between UNHCR, States, and NGO actors. The aim of the session will be to provide clarity on the appeal for 100,000 places for Syrian refugees in 2015/16. It will focus primarily on alternative forms of admission to resettlement and discuss the rights and status conferred through such programmes. The session will also include a discussion on how to build reception capacity and increase opportunities through the involvement of NGOs or state actors, to ensure durability of all available solutions.

Chair: Oskar Ekblad, Head of Resettlement Programme, Swedish Migration Board

Presenters:

- Perveen Ali, Resettlement Service, UNHCR
- Peter O'Sullivan, Europe Bureau, UNHCR
- Eveline Jamek, Austria Permanent Mission
- Christian Klos, Germany
- Mourad Derbak, France (TBC)
- Johanna Heil, Caritas Friedland
- Ana Fontal, ECRE
- Kofi Amankwah, Norway IMDI

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| 10:45-11:15 | <u>Coffe Break</u> |
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Agenda Item 7: Reform of the ATRC/WGR

The Working Group on Resettlement (WGR) and Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) continues to provide the most important multilateral forum for UNHCR, States and NGOs to discuss and advance resettlement issues of common interest. The Danish Chair embarked in a reform process, also involving an evaluation of the Contact/Core groups, to ensure the ATRC/WGR continues to meet the needs and expectations of all partners involved in the resettlement effort. The reform process was formally initiated at the WGR held in Copenhagen in February 2014, to be concluded at the 2014 ATCR.

This session will include a presentation on the work of the Steering Group, which was created to advance this process and is addressing the reform of the WGR, the ATCR as well as an evaluation of the Contact/Core Groups. The presentation will be followed by a discussion and agreement on the way forward for this important forum, as well as how Core/Contact Groups could be better mobilized to facilitate the strategic use of resettlement.

Presenters:

- Renata Dubini, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
- Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Danish Chair
- Eva Singer, Head of Department, Asylum and Repatriation, Danish Refugee Council

Background document:

- ATRC/WGR Reform: Recommended Options

12:45-14:15

Lunch

14:15-15:45

Track 1 Resettlement Case Processing

Agenda Item 8: UNHCR Field Perspectives on NGO Identification of Resettlement Needs (*Salle du Conseil*)

Efficient and transparent identification of refugees for resettlement consideration is essential to ensuring they are provided with fair access to resettlement processing. Effective and consistent identification can decrease potential for the fraudulent use of the resettlement system and can help in managing the expectations of refugees. NGOs play a pivotal role in identifying refugees with resettlement needs in many operations. This session will be moderated by HIAS and will count with the participation of UNHCR field-based staff, who will share their perspectives and experiences on identification of resettlement needs in partnership with NGOs.

Moderator: Mark Hetfield, President, HIAS

Presenters:

- Elizabeth Tan, UNHCR Egypt
- Inge de Langhe, UNHCR Kenya.

- Shane Bristow, St. Andrew's Refugee Services

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Track 2 Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees

Agenda Item 9: Role of Media to mobilize Community Support (Salle III)

The media can provide an effective way to mobilize support and increase public awareness of the plight of refugees. The session will focus on ways the media can assist in ensuring welcoming receptions and integration arrangements of resettled refugees into their new communities. A short video will be shown.

Moderator: Paul Power, Chief Executive Officer, Refugee Council of Australia

Presenters:

- Chris Friesen, Director, Settlement Services, Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia, Canada.
- Rachel Westerby, ICMC Europe
- Kofi Amankwah, Assistant Regional Director, Directorate of Integration and Diversity (IMDi) Bergen, Norway

Agenda Item 10: Perspectives and Experiences of new resettlement countries (Salle IV)

Are you involved in setting up a new resettlement programme – or struggling with aspects of your country's integration programmes? Come to this session to share experiences and discuss concerns. Establishing a new resettlement programme is a complex process. States must have a legislative framework in place, and must make advance preparations with stakeholders to establish their integration programme. During this session representatives from Switzerland and Belgium will share details of their preparations and successes, and will also reflect on the overall challenges of sustaining or expanding resettlement to their country. UNHCR will also reflect on the elements that are essential for sustainable resettlement programmes, and incorporating findings from the research report 'A New Beginning – Refugee Integration in Europe'.

Moderator: Barbara Treviranus, Resettlement Service, UNHCR

Presenter:

- Meinrad Lindt, Alexandra Clerc, Specialist Asylum, Federal Department of Justice and Police Federal Office for Migration, Switzerland
- Melanie Hostaux, Direction Services Opérationnels FEDASIL, Belgium
- Anne Dussart, Department Asylum and Migration, Caritas International Belgium
- Peter O'Sullivan, UNHCR Brussels.

Background Documents:

The Integration of Resettled Refugees: Essentials for Establishing a Resettlement Programme and Fundamentals for Sustainable Resettlement Programmes, UNHCR 2013

A NEW BEGINNING: Refugee Integration in Europe, Outcome of an EU funded project on Refugee Integration Capacity and Evaluation (RICE), UNHCR 2013

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| 15:45-16:15 | Tea/Coffee Break |
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| 16:15-17:45 | <u>Track 1 Resettlement Case Processing</u> |
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Agenda Item 11: Pre-Departure Orientation (Salle III)

Ensuring that the necessary and adequate information with regard to refugees and their families is obtained and shared with reception agencies prior to departure, enormously assists in providing effective and supportive integration. The session will provide an opportunity for participants to hear from IOM about their experiences in conducting pre-departure cultural orientation. Government delegates will also share their experience and best practices in sharing information to prepare municipalities for refugees arrivals.

Moderator: Walter Brill, Director of Operations, ICMC.

Presenters:

- Pindie Stephen, IOM
- Corinna Wicher, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany
- Sofie Korbo Christensen, Danish Immigration Service

Agenda Item 12: Addressing resettlement processing challenges for cases of Women At Risk (Salle IV)

Expanding on previous discussions which took place at the WGR with regard to BID and BIAs requirements, this session will discuss the processing challenges that cases submitted under the Women and Girls at Risk category present.

Moderator: Daniel Boyer, Government of Australia

Presenters:

- Jeanette Zuefle, UNHCR Pakistan
- Annheli Aldhammar, UNHCR Iran
- Kabi Bernander, UNHCR Nairobi Regional Hub
- Amy Slaughter, Refuge Point

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| 16:15-17:45 | <u>Track 2 Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees</u> |
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Agenda Item 13: Integration of Somalis: Perceptions and Realities (Salle VII)

The session intends to foster a discussion about the current perceptions attached to the reception and integration of Somali refugees, and realities. Issues such as what is the level of understanding and level of expectation Somali refugees have prior resettlement, as well as the role of ethnic community organizations and ethnic enclaves have in the integration of Somalis will be discussed.

Moderator: Inge de Langhe, UNHCR Kenya

Presenters:

- Kofi Amankwah, Assistant Regional Director, Directorate of Integration and Diversity (IMDi) Bergen, Norway
- Erol Kekic, Church World Service, US

Agenda Item 14: Integration of refugees with specific needs (Salle du Conseil)

Delegates will be invited to share opportunities, challenges and best practices on the integration of refugees with specific needs. Pharos will take the opportunity to present their manual "*Give us some time...Supporting resettled refugees with psychosocial impairments*", a manual that provides general information through examples of practical situations and concrete and practical tools that can be helpful in order to have good contact with refugees with psychosocial impairments as well as local caretakers and service providers. The delegate from Amnesty International will speak on their report "*Removing the Stumbling Blocks*" which focuses on how vulnerable children are identified and some of the obstacles faced in referring them for resettlement. His presentation will focus on how UNHCR, States and NGOs can work to improve this process.

Moderator: Anette Christoffersen, Danish Refugee Council

Presenters:

- Erick Vloeberghs, Pharos, Netherlands
- Dr. Graham Thom, Amnesty International, Australia
- Dr. Alexander Klosovsky, IOM Washington

Background Documents:

Removing the Stumbling Blocks, Amnesty International, Australia

Give us some time...Supporting resettled refugees with psychosocial impairments, Pharos

17.45-18.45 Colombian Contact Group closed door meeting (Salle VII)

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| 8:15-9.00 | Informal session on Resettlement Needs in Eastern Europe, Vincent Cochetel, Director, Bureau of Europe. |
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| 9:00-10.00 | <u>Agenda Item 15: UNHCR's Protection and Solutions Strategy</u> |
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- Volker Turk, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR.

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| 10.00-10.45 | <u>Agenda Item 16: Strategic use of resettlement</u> |
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This session will explore the current perceptions of the concept "strategic use of resettlement", its history and evolution over the past years. It will also discuss current perceptions of the concept to ensure a common understanding among stakeholders.

Presenters:

- Volker Turk, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR
- Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Danish Chair
- Larry Bartlett, Office of Refugee Admissions, Department of State, USA.

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| 10:45-11.15 | <u>Agenda Item 17: Continuity of Issues</u> |
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The session is intended to provide an outlook of items that need to be taken forward at future meetings.

Presenter:

- Aurvasi Patel, Senior Resettlement Coordinator, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

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| 11:15 – 11:45 | Tea/Coffee Break |
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| 11:45-12:15 | <u>Agenda Item 18: Closing Remarks</u> |
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- Antonio Guterres, High Commissioner, UNHCR
- Jakob Dam Glynstrup & Eva Singer, Outcoming Chair, Denmark

- Terje Sjeggstad, Director General, Department of Migration, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Incoming Chair, Norway

13.00-15.00 Syria Core Group Meeting (Salle VII)

15.30-17.30 Closed Door Meeting on MeK Relocation (Salle du Conseil)