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Agenda Item 8

**Elements for UNHCR's oral update to the 2008 substantive session of
the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**

UNHCR will shortly deliver an oral update on the coordination aspects of its activities and partnerships in the past year to the General Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)'s substantive session in New York in July 2008. The following is an outline of key areas to be covered:

1. **Coordination within the United Nations (UN) system and Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC):** UN reform, notably the "Delivering as One" initiative; humanitarian reform, amongst others inter-agency policy and action through the "cluster approach" and strengthening the Humanitarian Coordination system; food security; climate change and migration; humanitarian space; statelessness; addressing HIV and AIDS amongst refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR.
2. **Bilateral collaboration with United Nations and other international organizations:** Human rights; reintegration; UN Volunteers; addressing sexual exploitation and abuse against refugees and other persons of concern; agreements.
3. **Coordination with non-governmental organizations (NGOs):** Global Humanitarian Platform and the Principles of Partnership; partnership agreements and standby arrangements with NGOs; NGO Reference Group for UNHCR's Field Review.