

Side event of the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee

**- Pictures speak louder than words -**  
**The impact of photography on perceptions of refugees**

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**Speakers:**

**Mr. Christophe Girod**, Director General, *Hospice Général* in Geneva  
**Dr. Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh**, Co-Director, Migration Research Unit and Coordinator for  
“Refuge in a Moving World” research network, University College London  
**Mr. Mark Henley**, Photographer and winner of the Swiss Press Photo 2012 & 2014  
**Ms. Isabelle Gattiker**, Director, International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights



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Journalists and photographers around the world document the daily realities of flight. Views expressed in articles can trigger controversy, but messages conveyed through photos and films are often less scrutinized. This side event will explore the role that images play in the public discourse on the global refugee crisis and aims to complement the exhibition, “There are no walls in between us” by Mark Henley and *Hospice Général* in Geneva, which is being held in building E (1<sup>st</sup> floor), with the support of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations at Geneva. How do images have an impact on our understanding of the current crisis? Are they conducive to creating welcoming environments, or do they unwittingly fuel discrimination and xenophobia? How can journalists and others stakeholders develop greater awareness and appreciation of the messages they transmit through photos?



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**13:15 – 15:00**

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- Sandwiches and refreshments provided -