

Side event of the 69th session of the Executive Committee

Solving protracted situations in Africa: the Global Compact on Refugees

Moderated by Mr. Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR

Speakers to include:

**Ms. Virginie Baikoua, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and National Reconciliation,
Central African Republic**

**Ms. Najat Rochdi, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General,
Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator, Central African Republic**

**Ambassador Mohamed Abdi Affey, UNHCR Special Envoy
for the Somalia Refugee Situation**

Mr. Ahmed Nur, Commissioner, National Commission for Refugees and IDPs, Somalia

Ms. Eunice Ndonga, Executive Director, Refugee Consortium of Kenya



This side event will discuss the comprehensive refugee response in the Somalia context and explore the possibility of pursuing a similar approach to displacement in and from the Central African Republic. These two protracted crises are typified by the four key situations that the Global Compact on Refugees was designed to address: mounting pressure on hosting areas, lack of self-reliance opportunities, limited third-country solution opportunities and return, even if in less than ideal conditions. Participants in the side event will examine the innovative approaches of local and national governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and UN agencies in the Somali situation, particularly in the education, health and employment sectors, and will also explore how similar approaches could be used in other regions and countries, such as the Central African Republic.

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13:15-15:00

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Interpretation will be provided in English and French.

Light refreshments will be offered.

