

Side event of the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Committee

**Camps to integrated settlements  
Socioeconomic Hubs for Integrated Refugee Inclusion in Kenya (SHIRIKA)**

**Moderated by Mr. Raouf Mazou, Assistant High Commissioner Operations, UNHCR**

**High-level session**

**Opening remarks: Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR**

**Remarks by Ms. Julieta Valls Noyes, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, United States of America**

**Keynote speech: H.E. Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary & Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Kenya**

**Panel discussion**

**H.E. Mr. Nathif Jama Adan, Governor, County Government of Garissa, Kenya**

**Dr. Stephen Jackson, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Kenya**

**Mr. Xavier Devictor, Co-Director, World Development Report 2023, World Bank Group**

**H.E. Ambassador Thomas Wagner, Deputy Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the European Union to UNOG**

Kenya has generously hosted refugees and asylum-seekers for many decades. The Shirika Plan is the Government of Kenya's pioneering and innovative approach to refugee inclusion, consisting of (a) support for socioeconomic inclusion of refugees and (b) transformation of refugee hosting areas (Kakuma and Dadaab) into municipalities and robust economic hubs for community empowerment and resilience. Importantly, this



transformative approach aims to reduce reliance on humanitarian aid and to make refugees self-reliant and important players in the growth of the country's economy. The side event will showcase the Shirika transformative approach, and the "whole of government" and "whole of society" roles in supporting refugee inclusion and building just, inclusive, peaceful, and prosperous societies.

**Tuesday, 10 October 2023**

**08:30 to 9:45**

Palais des Nations, Room XXII

Refreshments will be served outside of the room prior to the event.

Interpretation in English and French will be available.

