

Side event of the 67th session of the Executive Committee
**Beyond the Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda:
Platform on Disaster Displacement**

Moderator:

Mr. Oliver Hoehne, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva

Speakers:

Ms. Annett Günther, Deputy Director-General for Humanitarian Assistance, Federal Foreign Office of Germany

H.E. Mr. M. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in Geneva

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Disaster displacement is one of the biggest global challenges that States and the humanitarian system are facing in the 21st century. Every year, millions of people are forced to leave their homes because of floods, tropical storms, droughts, earthquakes and other natural hazards.

2012

Norway and Switzerland launched the Nansen Initiative to build consensus on how to better address the protection needs of people displaced across borders in the context of disasters. The outcome of their collaboration is the Protection Agenda, endorsed by 109 States in 2015, marking the end of the Nansen Initiative.

2016

Established this year by Germany (Chair) and Bangladesh (Vice-Chair), the Platform on Disaster Displacement aims to continue the work of the Nansen Initiative. At this side event, the Chairs will present the key milestones ahead and discuss, together with representatives from UNHCR and IOM, the opportunities and challenges of implementing the Protection Agenda.

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