

THEME: PROTECTION GAPS AND RESPONSES

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

8-9 December 2010, Palais des Nations, Room XIX

1. Opening

Opening remarks by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,  
Mr. António Guterres

2. Moderated panel discussion and interactive general debate

The Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, Ms. Erika Feller, will moderate a panel discussion on 'Protection Gaps and Responses'. Each panellist will be invited to speak for approximately 5 minutes, linking their own experiences and perspectives to the main themes of the Dialogue.

Dialogue participants will then have the opportunity to engage in a general discussion, interacting with the panellists and each other. This should be an informal exchange of ideas, drawing on the panel discussion. Participants are encouraged not to read prepared statements.

3. Breakout sessions

The Dialogue will break out into three sessions for the afternoon of Wednesday 8 December, continuing in the morning of Thursday 9 December. Each session will address a separate, distinct theme. Participants will be assigned to one session only, taking into consideration the order of preference indicated at time of registration. The sessions are as follows:

**Session 1/Room XI: Gaps in the international protection framework and in its implementation**

Co-Chairs:

- H.E. Ambassador Darlington Mwape, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Mr. Volker Türk, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

**Session 2/Room IX: International cooperation, burden sharing and comprehensive regional approaches**

Co-Chairs:

- H.E. Mr. Fayssal Mekdad, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic
- Ms. Erika Feller, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR

**Session 3/Room XXIV: Reduction of statelessness and protection of stateless persons**

Co-Chairs:

- Dr. Sriprapha Petcharamesree, Lecturer, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Mahidol University
- Mr. Alexander Aleinikoff, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

4. Side event

A side event will take place during the lunch break on Wednesday 8 December on the theme **Climate Change and Displacement**. Academics will present the findings of recent studies and publications on this topic, and there will be a discussion on key issues and challenges.

This event will be held in Room XXV. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

5. Reports to plenary on the breakout sessions

In the late morning of Thursday 9 December, the Co-Chairs of each breakout session will report back to the plenary.

6. Chairman's summing up

The High Commissioner will conclude the discussions with a 'Chairman's summing up' and, as relevant, will make recommendations for follow-up.

7. Close of business