

High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges 2012

Theme: Faith and Protection

Geneva, 12-13 December 2012
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (Plenary)

Estimated schedule

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2012			THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2012		
			10:00 - 13:00 <u>Roundtables continue</u>		
			13:00 - 15:00 <u>Lunch break</u> (free)		
15:00 - 16:30 <u>Dialogue in plenary</u>			15:00 - 18:00 <u>Plenary resumes</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by the High Commissioner • Perspectives on faith and protection • Interactive exchange 					
16:30 - 18:00 <u>Roundtables</u>					
Roundtable 1 Creating welcoming communities	Roundtable 2 Promoting durable solutions	Roundtable 3 Improving cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the roundtable discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderated by the Assistant High Commissioner (Protection) - Interactive exchange • Summing up/closing remarks by the High Commissioner 		
Room XXI	Room XI	Room XXII			
18:15-19:30 <u>Launch of photo exhibit and cocktail</u>					
Venue: Salle des Pas Perdus Photo exhibit on UNHCR's publication <i>The State of the World's Refugees: In Search of Solidarity</i>					

Roundtable 1 - Creating welcoming communities

Interpretation: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

Co-Chair: Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Co-Chair: Mr. Volker Turk, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

To explore: How can faith-based organizations and religious communities take advantage of their local presence and international networks to welcome refugees and the stateless within their communities and combat xenophobia and discrimination?

Roundtable 2 - Promoting durable solutions

Interpretation: Arabic, English, French

Co-Chair: Rev. Martin Junge, General Secretary, Lutheran World Federation

Co-Chair: Ms. Erika Feller, Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), UNHCR

To explore: How can faith-based organizations and religious communities assist in making durable solutions sustainable (return and reintegration, integration of resettled refugees and local integration of refugees)?

Roundtable 3 - Improving cooperation

Interpretation: Arabic, English, French

Co-Chair: Her Excellency, Ambassador Wafaa Bassim, Permanent Representative of Egypt

Co-Chair: Mr. Alexander Aleinikoff, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR

To explore: What has been the experience of faith-based organizations and religious communities in their partnership with UNHCR? Is there a need to develop specific guidance on some aspects of such partnership?