Speakers and moderator Bios

Session: Opening session Socio-Economic Inclusion of refugee in COVID context

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Speakers for Opening remarks



Bernard Doyle, Bureau Deputy Director UNHCR Asia-Pacific

Bernard Doyle is the Deputy Director for UNHCR Asia and the Pacific Bureau. He worked for UNHCR for more than 33 years. Since joining UNHCR in 1988, he worked in different countries, including Sudan, Central Asia, Japan, Iran and Thailand. Before joining UNHCR, Mr Doyle worked with INGOs, including Concern and Lutheran World Federation. Mr Doyle completed his university degree from University College in Dublin and his Master of Science from the University of London. He is from Ireland and his hometown Ferbane, Co Offaly.

Lars Stenger is Interim Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN). In this function he and his team at the APRRN secretariat facilitate coordination, capacity building and joined advocacy within a network of more than 350 civil society organisations and individuals towards advancing the rights of refugees in the Asia Pacific region. Prior to this Mr. Stenger worked for more than 11 years with refugees in urban areas and detention centers.

Moderator



Ana Guglielmelli White, Strategic Partnership Advisor, UNHCR Asia-Pacific

Ana Guglielmelli White began her current assignment as the Strategic Partnership Adviser in UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in July 2020. Prior to her current role, Ana served as UNHCR's Senior Interagency Coordinator in Bogota, Colombia where she co-led, along with IOM, the interagency platform for the response to Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia, coordinating the humanitarian response with a diverse set of stakeholders at the national and local level and with the government authorities. Before her 2-year stint in Colombia, she was the Senior Communications Officer in UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Europe working on the emergency response to the situation in the Mediterranean. Prior to this role, she worked in Brussels in the Regional Bureau for Europe as Advocacy and Communications Officer. Before joining UNHCR in 2013, Ana worked on advocacy and policy on forced displacement and migration in two NGOs and resettlement agencies in Washington, DC. She led the advocacy and

communications strategies in the following roles: as the Director of Government and Community Relations for US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI); as well as the Immigration and Refugee Policy Analyst for the Office of Government Relations at the Episcopal Church/Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM). Ana was born in Cordoba, Argentina where she did her undergraduate studies before moving to the United States and obtaining a master's degree in Latin American Studies with a Concentration on International Migration at the University of California San Diego's (UCSD).