

## DRAFT AGENDA

(9-10 December 2009, Palais des Nations, Room XIX)

### 1. Opening

- Opening remarks by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. António Guterres
- Statement by the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, H.E. Mr. Faisal Miqdad
- Report of the Round Table of Mayors (8 December 2009) by the Mayor of Geneva, The Hon. Rémy Pagani
- Report by an NGO representative on the 2009 NGO Consultations

### 2. Preliminary debate

### 3. Breakout sessions

The Dialogue will break up into four separate group sessions, each of which will explore the following key questions:

- Identifying populations of concern in urban settings and responding to vulnerabilities and risks: identification and profiling of individuals, families and communities; community outreach; registration; and documentation
- Securing “protection space” in urban settings: enjoyment of fundamental rights; meeting the specific protection needs of women and children; access to assistance and services; fostering an enabling environment; combating predatory practices; combating arbitrary detention; access to justice/legal remedies
- Livelihoods and self-reliance: building capacity, preserving social capital, and laying the ground for durable solutions
- Challenges for municipalities and authorities: urban planning, slum clearance, cities as theatres for emergencies, law and order

Cross-cutting themes also to be addressed in all groups will include: addressing diversity and vulnerability in urban settings; international solidarity and burden sharing; international support for grass-roots initiatives; engaging with local communities; and innovative partnerships.

4. Side events

- Voices from Cities: A panel discussion chaired by the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection will enable refugees, IDPs and other persons of concern to share their experiences. This event will take place on 9 December, at 1.15 p.m. in Room XXVI
- NGO-organized event: This side event will take place on 10 December, at 9 a.m. in Room XXVI
- Introduction to UNHCR's Policy on Refugee Protection and Solutions in Urban Areas: This event will take place on 10 December, at 1.15 p.m. in Room XXVI.

5. Plenary feedback on discussions

The Chairs of each breakout session will report back to the plenary. This will be followed by a final round of discussions in the plenary.

6. Chairman's summing up and recommendations

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