

Side event to the 71st meeting of the Standing Committee

The Bangladesh refugee response six months on

Moderated by:

Mr. George Okoth-Obbo, Assistant High Commissioner (Operations), UNHCR

Speakers:

Mr. Indrika Ratwatte, Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNHCR

Mr. Vincent Houver, Deputy Director, Emergencies and Operations, IOM

Ms. Gordana Jerger, Director, World Food Programme Geneva

Mr. Sikander Khan, Director, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF

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More than 688,000 Rohingya refugees have fled from the northern part of Myanmar's Rakhine State to Bangladesh since 25 August 2017. Just over six months since the exodus began, south-eastern Bangladesh now hosts one of the largest refugee settlements in the world, the Kutapalong extension. With a population of 588,000, it is equivalent to a medium-sized city. While international humanitarian organizations have supported the Government in accelerating the delivery of protection and assistance, including the provision of health care and food, significant challenges remain. This event will highlight the progress made since the start of the emergency; underscore the challenges that remain; and explore solutions.

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13:15-15:00

Palais des Nations – Room IX

Interpretation will be provided in English and French.
Sandwiches and refreshments will be served outside of the room.

