



High Commissioner's Dialogues on Protection Challenges Oral Update 7 March 2019

Overview

- A brief presentation of outcomes from past Dialogues.
- A presentation of the focus and outcomes of the 2018 High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges.
- Looking ahead.

Past Dialogues

- Protracted Refugee Situations (2007)
- Durable Solutions and International Migration (2008)
- Challenges for people of concern in urban settings (2009)
- Protection gaps and responses (2010)
- Faith and protection (2012)
- Protecting the internally displaced (2013)
- Protection at sea (2014)
- Addressing root causes of displacement (2015)
- Children on the move (2016)
- Towards a global compact on refugees (2017)
- Protection and solutions in urban settings: engaging with cities (2018)



Outcomes of past Dialogues

- 2016: Children on the Move
 - Ending childhood statelessness
 - Ending detention of children
 - Global Youth Advisory Council
 - Ensuring child rights are at the heart of the global compact on refugees
- 2017: Dialogue on the comprehensive refugee response
 - Stocktaking and input to the global compact on refugees



Overview of the 2018 Dialogue

- 2018 theme was on the role of cities and municipal authorities in protecting and assisting refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons in urban settings.
- It took place on 18-19 December 2018 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva and was attended by some 600 participants, including Mayors, representatives from cities and local authorities, States, refugees and other experts, NGOs, international organizations and the private sector.
- There was a total of six thematic sessions, six roundtables, one side event and an opening and closing plenary.
- A concept paper and background paper were produced as background material for the Dialogue.
- The summary report from the Dialogue and the summaries from the thematic sessions and roundtables are available on the website <http://www.unhcr.org/high-commissioners-dialogue-on-protection-challenges-2018.html>.

Objectives 1

1. Recognize the **important role of municipal authorities and city networks in protecting and assisting refugee, internally displaced and stateless populations in urban areas.**
2. Take stock of **existing inter-city support measures and commitments**, as well as best practices, guidance and tools.
3. Explore the engagement of cities in the **implementation of the global compact on refugees.**

Objectives 2

4. Identify areas for **greater city and municipal engagement in the context of comprehensive refugee responses.**
5. Support the advancement of evidence-based, effective **national and municipal-level policy-making and programming for urban areas hosting displaced people.**



Key outcomes from the 2018 Dialogue

- Recognition of the role of cities and city networks in implementing the Global Compact on Refugees and the importance of reflecting these contributions and good practices at the Global Refugee Forum.
- Continued collaboration between partners in diverse sectors to promote international solidarity and counter growing xenophobia.
- Dedicated space on the GCR digital platform to support the exchange of good practices between cities and other relevant actors.
- A review of UNHCR's urban refugee policy to take place in consultation with stakeholders.
- Recognition of the need for consistent engagement with city networks to enhance collaboration on displacement-related issues.

Looking ahead

- The outcomes of the 2018 Dialogue will feed in to the first Global Refugee Forum, 17-18 December 2019.
- The Global Refugee Forum will take place instead of the High Commissioner's Dialogue in 2019.



Thank you