

**MENA NGO and Civil Society Consultations on Displacement | Preventing, Responding, Solving**  
**UNHCR Regional NGO Consultations- Middle East and North Africa**  
**20-21 June - Amman, Jordan**

**Day 1 – Thursday, 20 June 2019**  
**Greater Amman Municipality and Landmark Hotel**

- 9:00 - 9:45** | Registration at Landmark Hotel
- 10:00 - 10:30** | Departure from Landmark Hotel to Greater Amman Municipality
- 10:30 - 10:50** | #StepWithRefugees
- 10:50- 11:10** | Welcome coffee at Greater Amman Municipality – Majlis Conference Room
- 11:10-11:20** Administrative guidance
- 11:20 – 11:50** **SESSION 1**  
Opening session
- Welcome and Introduction  
Zeina Yazigi

**Opening Remarks**

**Filippo Grandi | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

- 12:00-13:30** **SESSION 2**  
The Global Refugee Compact and Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships
- Moderator:**  
Shaden Khallaf, UNHCR MENA
- Panelists:**
- Arafat Jamal | UNHCR HQ
  - Nasser Yassin | American University of Beirut
  - Mary Nazzal Batayneh | Landmark Hotel / 17 Asset Management
  - Wassim Jomaa | Tunisian Red Crescent

**Rapporteur:**  
Carol El-Sayed, UNHCR Lebanon

**Session Description:**

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) calls for a “whole of society” approach when it comes to responding, preventing and finding solutions to refugee issues. There is a need to take stock of how it is being implemented at the country, sub-regional, and regional levels. Linked to the GCR, the Global Refugee Forum will be convened with relevant stakeholders, to announce concrete pledges and contributions towards the objectives of the GCR and to consider opportunities, challenges, and ways in which responsibility-sharing can be enhanced.

13:30-14:00

Transport from Greater Amman Municipality to Landmark Hotel

14:00-15:00

Lunch Break (at the Landmark Hotel main restaurant)

15:00-16:20

### SESSION 3

Regional Approaches to Addressing Root Causes of Conflict and Displacement | Preventing

#### Moderator:

Maysa Ayoub | Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University of Cairo

#### Panelists:

- Kareem Rosshandler | WANA Institute
- Aarathi Krishnan | International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Skype)
- Zahra Bazzi | Arab NGO Network for Development
- Dlawer Ala'Addeen | Middle East Research Institute

#### Rapporteur:

Carol El-Sayed | UNHCR Lebanon

#### Session Description:

Given the increase in conflict globally, there is a need to have more comprehensive approaches to prevention and peace-building. This can be done through investing in initiatives which contribute to reducing proneness to conflicts and to preventing relapse in cases where peace has been achieved but remains fragile. As part of maintaining stability in displacement settings, more innovative interventions are required in the region.

16:20- 16:35

Break

16:45

### Keynote Speech

**His Royal Highness Prince EL Hassan Bin Talal**

17:15- 18:15

### SESSION 4

Role of Culture in Shaping Public Narratives on Displacement | Responding

#### Moderator:

Shaden Khallaf | UNHCR MENA

#### Panelists:

- Zeina Yazigi | Media Consultant
- Sobhiya Najjar | Media Consultant
- Zeina Barhoum | Opera Singer
- Basma El Hussein | Action for Hope

#### Rapporteur:

Carol El-Sayed | UNHCR Lebanon

#### Session Description:

Cultural influence in relation to understanding the complexity of current displacement crises requires further investment. The role of culture, film, music, academia, and the arts in preventing and responding to issues which arise in displacement situations has only been scratched at the surface. Since culture shapes public narratives, it is imperative to further build on it to create a more inclusive environment in the region.

18:30 - 20:30

Departure to Reception and Cultural Performance at the Greater Amman Municipality

20:30- 21:00

Return to Landmark Hotel

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**10:00-11:15**

**SESSION 5**

Parallel Sessions on Responding to Displacement | **Responding**

**SESSION 5A:**

Collaborative approach to data and analysis

**Moderator:**

Irina Conovali | UNHCR MENA

**Panelists:**

- Daniel Nolan | IMMAP
- Lana Stade | Durable Solution Platform
- Modher Alhamadani | OCHA
- Laura Thisted | REACH

**Rapporteur:**

UNHCR Jordan

**Session Description:**

Data is central to timely, efficient and effective responses to address forced displacement. It provides the evidence-base for responses and solutions, helps rigorously target vulnerable groups, and supports monitoring and evaluation efforts. The importance of data, also emphasized by the GCR, has spurred a number of initiatives in recent years, both from UN agencies and NGOs, to strengthen data collection, analysis and use.

**SESSION 5B:**

Mixed Movements in the MENA Region

**Moderator:**

Abderrahman Arar | Reseau Nada

**Panelists:**

- Largou Boubkeur | Organisation Marocaine des Droits Humains
- Sara Sadek | Danish Refugee Council | Mixed Migration Centre
- Nasser Bajnoob | Society for Humanitarian Solidarity, Yemen
- Jonathan Prentice | International Organisation for Migration (IOM) - (Skype)

**Rapporteur:**

UNHCR

**Session Description:**

The session will consider ways in which the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) offer elements that may be relevant to building protection and solutions strategies that address the needs of refugees and migrants respectively, in 'mixed' situations. It will, in particular, explore concrete ways the two compacts

can be applied to mixed movement situations with respect to data collection and analysis to inform practical and principled responses to refugees and migrants' identification, registration and referrals to relevant processes and service providers.

11:15-11:30 | Break

11:30 – 12:45 | **SESSION 6**  
Partnerships for Protection in Protracted and Urban Settings | Solving

**SESSION 6A:**  
Cities and Host Communities

**Moderator:**  
Hy Shelow | UNHCR MENA

- Panelists:**
- Mohamed Milad Al Shukri | Libyan Red Crescent
  - Danah Dajani | Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation
  - Wael Al-Ashhab | UN Habitat Yemen
  - Ahmad Mousa | Columbia University Global Center Amman
  - Nisreen AlAraj | Greater Amman Municipality

**Rapporteur:**  
UNHCR Iraq

**Session Description:**  
Cities and municipalities are increasingly affected by refugee and internal displacement situations. The GCR calls for further strengthening support to host countries as they provide protection and support for refugees and local communities. The role of cities and municipalities is essential in reaching comprehensive policy frameworks. The session will highlight good practices in social cohesion until solutions are found.

**SESSION 6B:**  
Principles of Operational Partnerships for NGOs

**Moderator:**  
Michael Hyden | ICVA Director of Programs

- Panelists:**
- Virginie Lefèvre | Amel Association International
  - Suzan Muhareb | Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development
  - Nesrine Metry | Caritas Egypt

**Rapporteur:**  
Zeina Jadaan | UNHCR Jordan

**Session Description:**  
Considering the vital role of partnership between UNHCR and NGOs on the ground, analysis of good practices across the region is an important element, as well as the opportunities and challenges

related to having more meaningful partnerships, which reflect accountability to displaced populations and support to host communities, in line also with the Global Compact on Refugees.

12:45-14:00 | Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 | **SESSION 7**  
Parallel Sessions on Building Sustainability into Solutions | Solving

**SESSION 7A:**  
The Sustainable Development Goals and Refugee Inclusion

**Moderator:**  
Dorsey Lockhart | WANA Institute

- Panelists:**
- Nuha Zayda | Jordanian National Council for Women
  - Lubna Al Waeli | Legal Clinic Network
  - Fatima Ibrahim | Lebanese Economic Association
  - Sawsan Saadeh | CARE

**Rapporteur:**  
UNHCR Egypt

**Session Description:**  
The implementation and success of the SDGs, though not legally binding, will largely rely on each countries' own national plans in line with their respective sustainable development policies and programs. The SDGs will be a compass for aligning countries' plans with their global commitments.

**SESSION 7B:**  
Private Sector Partnerships and Innovative Economic Empowerment

**Moderator:**  
Houssam Chahine | UNHCR Private Sector Partnerships

- Panelists:**
- Fida Taher | Women in Business Arabia
  - Rania Shamas | Al Tayer Group
  - Rose Alissi | American Chamber of Commerce
  - Alia Farahat | Al Majmoua
  - Leila Toplic | No Lost Generation

**Rapporteur:**  
UNHCR UAE

**Session Description:**  
In the MENA region, the private sector has stepped in to play a crucial role in filling funding gaps. Better framing and understanding the role of the private sector in the provision of essential services and/or advocacy, beyond fundraising, for refugees and host communities is now also essential. Innovative initiatives have been developed to maximize efficiency and promote sustainability. Civil society and humanitarian actors can engage innovatively with the private sector to maximize impact.

15:15-15:30 | Break

15:30-16:30

**SESSION 8:**

Closing Panel: Inspiration and Resilience

**Moderator:**

Shaden Khallaf | UNHCR MENA

**Panelists:**

- Sana Mustafa | Global Refugee-Led Network
- Mary Nazzal Batayneh | Landmark Hotel / 17 Asset Management
- Leonore Lekkerkerker | Basmeh and Zeitooneh
- Refugee Entrepreneur

**Rapporteur:**

UNHCR

**Session Description:**

Examples of refugees who overcame their hardships to discover their passion and reach their goals abound. How can we better work towards the inclusion of all refugees, through proper representation and inclusion in decision-making?