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**PRIORITY SITUATIONS CORE GROUP**

**Field Visit to Egypt and Lebanon, 17-21 November 2024**
**Draft agenda**

# Egypt

## Saturday, 16 November 2024

| Time | Activity | Location |
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| Various | Arrival in Cairo and check-in to Conrad Hotel | Cairo |

## Sunday, 17 November 2024

- *Meetings with Government officials are subject to change as per the Government's availability.*

| Time | Activity | | Location |
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| 8:30 - 8:45 | Meeting at Conrad Hotel | | Conrad Hotel, Cairo |
| 8:45 – 9:30 | Opening session including agenda review & Participants' introduction<br><br>Opening Remarks:<br>- UNHCR Representative<br>- Chairs of the PSCG | | Conrad Hotel, Cairo |
| 9:30 | Transfer to UNHCR Main Building in 6 of October City | | UNHCR Main Building |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Tour of Registration Centre combined with a UNHCR Protection Briefing | | UNHCR Main Building |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch with Community Leaders and Refugee Led Organizations with *Terre des Hommes (TdH)* | | UNHCR Main Building |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Transfer from 6 of October City to Cairo | | |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | **Group 1**: Meeting with IOM Resettlement Support Centre (RSC) – *focus on USRAP case processing* | **Group 2**: Meeting with IOM and tour of the IOM Health Clinic – *focus on pre-departure processing* | Cairo |
| 17:00 | End of Day 1 & Transfer to Hotel | | |

## Monday, 18 November 2024

| Time | Activity | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30 | Transfer from Hotel to MFA | |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | Meeting with **Ambassador Dr. Wael Badawi**, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Migration, Refugee Affairs and Anti-Human Trafficking, Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Ministry of Foreign Affairs, New Capital |

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| 12:00 – 13:30 | Transfer to Cairo including lunch on-the-go | | |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | **Group 1**: Meeting with UNHCR Partners - *Saint Andrews Refugee Services (StARS)* with focus on protection and third country solutions | **Group 2:** Meeting with UNHCR Partners - *Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights (EFRR)* with focus on legal assistance | Cairo |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Transfer to the Cairo World Trade Centre | | |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | De-briefing with UNHCR Senior Management & the Priority Situation Core Group participants | | Cairo World Trade Centre *(UNDP Meeting Room)* |
| 17:00 | End of Day 2 & Transfer to Hotel | | |
| 19:00 | Evening program: Oriental Dinner at Sofitel or Boat Dinner | | To be confirmed |

## Lebanon (plan A, see below for plan B)

### Tuesday, 19 November 2024

**Meetings with Government officials are subject to change as per the Government allocated time for meetings*

*** Alternative plan below, should the security situation not allow for an in-person visit to Lebanon*

| Time | Activity | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 09:15 | Arrival in Beirut<br>Flight: EgyptAir MS709. Departure: 07:55 from Cairo.<br>Arrival: 09:15 in Beirut | Rafic Hariri International Airport |
| | Transfer to Hotel and Check in | Hotel TBC depending on security clearances UNDSS |
| | Transfer to UNHCR Office | |
| | Introductory briefing, **including agenda review, security briefing and participant introduction** | UNHCR Office Beirut |
| TBC | Transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) | MFA |
| TBC | **Meeting with Foreign Affairs Minister** | |

### Wednesday, 20 November 2024

**Meetings with Government officials are subject to change as per the Government allocated time for meetings*

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| Time | Activity | Location |
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| 8.00-8.30 | Transfer to UNHCR Lebanon Office | UNHCR SnK Building |
| 8.30-9.30 | **Opening session and general briefing**<br>Opening remarks:<br>• UNHCR Representative<br>• Chairs of the PSCG | |
| 9.30-10.30 | **Protection briefing**<br>• UNHCR Deputy Representative<br>• UNHCR Assistant Representative for Protection | |
| 10.30-10.45 | Transfer to UNHCR Reception Centre for Beirut Mount Lebanon | |
| 10.45-11.45 | **Visit to UNHCR Reception Centre**<br>*Including briefings on the RST Process, divided into min. 2 groups* | UNHCR Reception Centre |
| 11.45-12.00 | Transfer to UNHCR Office | |
| 12.00 – 13.30 | **Resettlement of Syrian refugees from Lebanon: Opportunities and challenges**<br>*Including Resettlement partners (IOM, ICMC) and Embassy Counterparts*<br>Discussion on how the Core Group can continue to respond to resettlement needs in light of the changing landscape. | UNHCR SnK Building |
| 13.30-14.30 | Lunch break | TBC |
| 14.30-15.00 | Transfer to General Security Office | |
| 15.00-16.00 | **Meeting with GSO General Director** | TBC |
| 16.00 | Transfer to Hotel | |
| TBC | Transfer to Restaurant | |
| 20.00 | **Dinner with the RC/HC Mr. Imran Riza** | TBC |

## Thursday, 21 November 2024

| Time | Activity | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 8.00 – 9.30 | Transfer to UNHCR Tripoli Office | UNHCR Tripoli |
| 9.30-10.30 | **Briefings:**<br>• General overview<br>• Protection situation in the region<br>• Q&A | UNHCR Tripoli |
| 10.30-11.00 | Travel time to Informal Tented Settlements | TBC |
| 11.00-12.00 | **Visit of ITSs and Discussions with refugee families**<br>*Divided into groups and possibly 2 locations* | TBC |
| 12.00-12.30 | Travel time to UNHCR Tripoli Office | |
| 12.30-13.30 | Lunch Break | UNHCR Tripoli Office |

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| 13.30-14.00 | Travel time to UNHCR supported Community Centre | TBC |
| 14.00-15.30 | • **Visit of the Community Development Centre and activities**<br>• **Discussion with Refugee Outreach Volunteers**<br>*Divided into min 2 groups* | TBC |
| 15.30-17.00 | Travel back to Beirut, Hotel | |
| 17.00-19.00 | Break | |
| 19.00 | **De-briefing and Dinner with UNHCR senior management team & PSCG** | |
| | **End of Mission** | |

## Friday, 22 November 2024

| Time | Activity | Location |
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| Divers | Hotel Check-out and transfer to Beirut Rafik Hariri Airport | |

## Lebanon (plan B)

## Tuesday 19 November - Thursday 21 November 2024

***The following contingency plan will be set in motion by 27 September should the security situation at that time NOT allow for an in-person visit to Lebanon.***

| Time | Activity | Location |
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| Tuesday 19 November-Thursday 21 November | PSCG delegation to remain in Cairo for the Lebanon leg of the field visit. UNHCR Lebanon staff to travel to Cairo for in-person meetings with the PSCG delegation.<br><br>In addition, virtual sessions will take place, allowing for 'field visits' and discussions with refugees and UNHCR field staff in Lebanon.<br><br>• UNHCR Lebanon leading on the production | Hotel, Cairo |

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