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Oral update on the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges

Introduction

The thirteenth High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges will take place from 7 to 8 December 2022 at the International Conference Centre Geneva Centre (CICG) in Geneva, Switzerland. This year's Dialogue will focus on development cooperation to advance protection, inclusion and solutions for displaced and stateless people. Participants will be invited to reflect on lessons learned from specific displacement and statelessness contexts and make recommendations aimed at strengthening development cooperation across the displacement cycle – from early action to inclusion and solutions – with protection being central and cross-cutting.

Preparatory roundtables

To ensure the Dialogue benefits from experience in the field, UNHCR is convening a series of preparatory roundtables from September to November 2022, which will explore the theme for this year's event in the context of the unique displacement and stateless situations in each region. These roundtables will be held in the regions and will stimulate reflection on lessons learned, challenges and opportunities. They will serve as a foundation for the discussion in December and contribute to the key takeaways of the Dialogue. The roundtables will focus on specific situations, which will serve as case studies and offer an opportunity to examine development cooperation in the context of displacement. The summaries of each roundtable will be shared online after each event. The countries and situations identified for the roundtables are:

Region	Country or situation of focus
Americas	Honduras
Asia and the Pacific	Afghanistan situation
East and the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes	Burundi situation
Europe	Republic of Moldova
Middle East and North Africa	Mauritania and Jordan
Southern Africa	Mozambique
West and Central Africa	Sahel, Lake Chad Basin, and Central African Republic situations

Format and provisional programme

The Dialogue provides a forum for an informal, open and multi-stakeholder discussion on emerging issues linked to displacement and statelessness. The High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi, will chair the opening and closing plenary sessions of the Dialogue and will invite participants to engage in an interactive discussion.

The Dialogue will feature a series of spotlight sessions that will focus on various aspects of development cooperation in relation to early action, inclusion and solutions, with protection; age, gender, and diversity; environment; and data as cross-cutting issues throughout. To ensure impactful and engaging discussions, the spotlight sessions will seek to encourage a dynamic conversation among participants. They will each be facilitated by two co-moderators who will initiate the sessions with a short conversation between themselves to frame the discussion, and then pose a series of questions to participants in the room. Participants will be asked to share concrete examples, lessons learned and recommendations for the future. Questions that will be posed during these sessions will be shared with all delegations in advance of the Dialogue.

The Dialogue will culminate in a closing plenary session during which the key findings and recommendations will be consolidated, and new initiatives in support of development cooperation will be announced.

Modalities for engagement

UNHCR would encourage active participation from the development departments of invited governments as well as from multilateral development banks, development-focused non-governmental organizations, and other partners with an interest in development opportunities, including the private sector, refugee-led organizations and peace actors. In order to facilitate interactive discussions and participation from all of the stakeholder groups, there will not be a formal list of speakers for the Dialogue sessions and speaking order will not strictly follow protocol. Nevertheless, an early indication of a desire to take the floor in any of the sessions may be communicated through a survey that will be sent out by UNHCR to all delegations in advance of the Dialogue.

Due to the limited time available in plenary and during the spotlight sessions, delegations are encouraged to avoid formal statements and to keep their interventions as focused as possible. Plenary sessions will also be livestreamed to promote wider reach to interested audiences.

Expected outcomes

The 2022 High Commissioner's Dialogue will contribute to strengthening development cooperation to advance protection, inclusion and solutions in forced displacement and stateless contexts. It will identify challenges, opportunities and recommendations; seek to launch concrete multi-stakeholder initiatives to address specific challenges to development cooperation; and inform pledge cultivation and mobilization related to development cooperation for the next Global Refugee Forum in 2023.

A summary of key takeaways related to good practices, lessons learned, multi-stakeholder engagement, recommendations and initiatives will be compiled in an online outcome document following the Dialogue.
